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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   READ-IN BY ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON PAGE 235]

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BEGIN ON  
7 THE AUGUST 4, 2015 MEETING. OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY  
8 PAULINA LUAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BUDDHIST TZU CHI  
9 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION IN THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.  
10 AND PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS, JENNIFER MARSHALL, UNITED  
11 STATES NAVY, FROM THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WILL LEAD  
12 US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. GOOD MORNING.

13  
14   **PAULINA LUAN:** REPRESENTING BUDDHIST TZU CHI EDUCATION  
15 FOUNDATION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS INVOCATION. AS WE GATHER  
17 UNDERSTANDING OUR DIVERSITY IN BELIEFS, VALUES, FAITH AND  
18 TRADITIONS, OUR COMMON HUMANITY UNITES US ALL. WE SHARE A  
19 COMMON DREAM OF THE WORLD WITHOUT DISASTER IN SOCIETY WITH  
20 HARMONY. LET US RISE EACH MORNING AND STRIVE EACH DAY TO BRING  
21 HAPPINESS AND JOY TO OTHERS. LET US GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WE  
22 HAVE AND CHERISH. LET US UNDERSTAND THE TRUE ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 PROTECTION LIKE IN LOVING AND CHERISHING THE MOUNTAINS, THE  
24 OCEANS AND ALL NATURAL RESOURCES. LET US CONSERVE AND PLANT  
25 THE SEEDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. LET US OPEN

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1 OUR HEARTS TO GRATITUDE, RESPECT AND LOVE. SOFTEN THE FURIOUS  
2 MIND AND LET COMPASSION GROW. SO WE CAN MAKE THE WORLD A  
3 BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

4

5 **JENNIFER MARSHALL:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE  
6 JOIN ME AND STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF YOU ARE A  
7 VETERAN, YOU MAY SALUTE. IF NOT, PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND OVER  
8 YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S  
11 MY PLEASURE TO THANK ALL PAULINA LUAN, C.E.O. OF BUDDHIST TZU  
12 CHI EDUCATION FOUNDATION WHICH IS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT,  
13 WALNUT AREA. SHE SERVES AS A COMMISSIONER AND HAS BEEN  
14 INVOLVED WITH THE TEMPLE FOR 20 YEARS. SHE BECAME A  
15 COMMISSIONER IN 1998 AND HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PUBLIC  
16 SCHOOL CHARACTER EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF AND  
17 TEACHER TRAINING. PAULINA HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS  
18 COMMUNITY SERVICES SUCH AS VISITS TO THE HELEN EVANS HOME IN  
19 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, DENTAL AND VISION MOBILE CLINIC SERVING KIDS  
20 IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, RELAY FOR LIFE AND THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR  
21 TO PROMOTE RECYCLING. SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF TZU CHI ACADEMY AND  
22 DIRECTOR OF YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES BEFORE SHE BECAME THE CEO  
23 OF THE FOUNDATION IN OCTOBER OF 2014. TZU CHI CELEBRATED THE  
24 GRAND OPENING OF THE EDUCATION CAMPUS IN WALNUT UNDER HER  
25 LEADERSHIP. PAULINA HAS LIVED IN WALNUT WITH HER HUSBAND AND

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1 TWO DAUGHTERS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. WE WANT TO THANK PAULINA ON  
2 BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS FOR TAKING  
3 THE TIME OUT OF HER BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US AND LEAD US IN  
4 THE INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. TODAY WE WERE LED IN  
7 THE PLEDGE OF AN ALLEGIANCE BY JENNIFER MARSHALL, FROM THE  
8 THIRD DISTRICT NORTH HOLLYWOOD, U.S. NAVY VETERAN WHO RETIRED  
9 WITH THE RANK OF PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS. SHE SERVED FROM  
10 1999 TO 2004 ASSIGNED TO THE CARRIER U.S.S. THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
11 IN THE MIDDLE EAST THEATER AS PART OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.  
12 HER DECORATIONS INCLUDE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT  
13 MEDALS AND ENLISTED AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST PIN. SHE WAS  
14 RAISED IN SCHOOL IN CARBONDALE, COLORADO AND IS A GRADUATE  
15 MAGNA CUM LAUDE OF VIRGINIA WESLEYAN WITH A B.A. IN  
16 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND SPANISH. IN CIVILIAN LIFE, SHE IS A  
17 TELEVISION ACTOR AND A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AS WELL AS GENERAL  
18 MANAGER FOR VETERANS OF FILM AND TV, AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED  
19 TO CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS IN THE  
20 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. PLEASE HELP ME TO THANK HER.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** GOOD  
24 MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN



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1 TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COMMUNITY  
2 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ITEM 1-D.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECOND  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** AGENDA FOR  
8 THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H. ON THIS ITEM,  
9 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT ITEM BE HELD.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION, IT WILL BE HELD.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** AGENDA FOR  
14 THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-F.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
17 THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14. ON THIS ITEM NO. 1, THIS  
21 INCLUDES THE APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
22 AGENDA.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR DON KNABE MOVES, SECOND  
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO.  
3 7, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM  
4 NO. 11 THIS, ITEM WILL ALSO BE HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
5 PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS  
6 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO ONE WEEK, AUGUST 11, 2015. ON ITEM NO.  
7 13, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE  
8 THE WORDS "OR JOIN" IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE AGENDA ENTRY  
9 "BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND FILE OR JOIN AN AN  
10 AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF PROPORTIONAL  
11 REPRESENTATION BASED ON POPULATION." AND ON THIS ITEM  
12 SUPERVISOR AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM  
13 BE HELD. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** CONSENT  
19 CALENDAR, ITEMS 15 THROUGH 53. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO  
21 SEPTEMBER 2015. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A  
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECOND  
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** ON ITEM 17,  
3 18 AND 19, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
4 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS  
5 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 11, 2015. ON ITEM 23 AND  
6 24, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
7 ITEM NO. 29, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
8 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
9 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 11, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 40, A  
10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
11 NO. 42, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
12 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 43, A MEMBER OF THE  
13 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 48, AS  
14 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS  
15 THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF CALENDAR. ON ITEM 49 AND ITEM 50,  
16 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE  
17 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
20 SECOND BY OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** ORDINANCE  
23 FOR INTRODUCTION ITEMS 54 AND 55. ON ITEM 54, SUPERVISOR  
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO

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1 SEPTEMBER 15, 2015. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF  
2 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL HOLD IT. WE HAVE SOMEBODY TO  
5 SPEAK WITH THE SHERIFF AND THEN WE'LL CONTINUE IT?

6

7 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** ON ITEM 55,  
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
9 WEEK TO AUGUST 11, 2015.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
12 THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** SEPARATE  
15 ITEM NO. 56 ON THIS ITEM, I WILL READ IN THE SHORT TITLE FOR  
16 THE RECORD. "ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND  
17 SALE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING  
18 AUTHORITY 2015 LEASE REVENUE REFUNDING BOND SERIES B AND C IN  
19 AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 250 MILLION FOR  
20 THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THREE SERIES OF OUTSTANDING LEASE  
21 REVENUE BONDS AND ACHIEVING SIGNIFICANT DEBT SERVICES FOR THE  
22 COUNTY," AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
23 HELD. ON ITEM 57, AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, THE INTERIM  
24 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED  
25 BACK TO HER OFFICE. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA



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1 WHICH ARE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING  
2 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 58-B AND ON  
3 58-C, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
4 AND 58-A, WE WILL HOLD 58-A.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NOTICES OF  
10 CLOSED SESSION. ON CS-2, CS-3 AND CS-4, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
12 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
16 PRESENTATIONS?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND  
19 COLLEAGUES EITHER WATCHING ON THE TV OR WATCHING OUT THERE, I  
20 HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING. I WOULD  
21 LIKE TO CALL UP OUR CSEC TEAM. 3-1/2 YEARS AGO, THIS BOARD PUT  
22 PEOPLE AND RESOURCES BEHIND ANTICHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE  
23 STREETS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HAVE APPRECIATED ALL THE  
24 SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS ISSUE. TODAY WE GET TO SEE  
25 WHAT A DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE AND THAT THEY MAKE IN JOINING

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1 US ARE SEVEN SURVIVORS. THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO JUST HONOR  
2 THEM. BUT THEY CONTINUE TO AMAZE US WITH THEIR COURAGE,  
3 RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION TO MOVE ON TO A BETTER LIFE. SO  
4 TODAY WE ARE HONORING THEM FROM RECENTLY GRADUATING FROM HIGH  
5 SCHOOL. YEAH, GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. ABSOLUTELY.  
6 [APPLAUSE.] AND THERE ARE 7 MORE SURVIVORS WHO ALSO GRADUATED  
7 BUT COULD NOT BE WITH US TODAY. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE  
8 ACCOMPLISHMENT ON BEHALF OF THESE YOUNG LADIES. OF COURSE IT  
9 TAKES NOT JUST THEIR HARD WORK BUT THE SUPPORT OF A TEAM TO  
10 HELP THEM. SOME OF THEM HAVE JOINED US TODAY, AND I WANT TO  
11 THANK THEM FOR ALL THAT THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY TO SUPPORT  
12 THESE YOUNG FOLKS. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE PERSON IN  
13 PARTICULAR, AND THAT'S ALLISON NEWCOME. ALLISON JOINS MY LIST  
14 OF SHEROES BECAUSE WITHOUT HER WE WOULD NOT BE HAVING THIS  
15 HONORING TODAY. ALISON IS AN ATTORNEY WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR  
16 CHILDREN RIGHTS. SHE WAS AWARDED A FELLOWSHIP TO ADDRESS THE  
17 LEGAL NEEDS OF THESE SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN IN THE CHILD  
18 WELFARE SYSTEM. SHE PARTNERS WITH COMMISSIONER PRATT THAT WE  
19 ALL KNOW SO WELL IN OUR STAR COURT TO PROVIDE WRAPAROUND  
20 SERVICES TO THESE YOUNG VICTIMS OF THIS INCREDIBLY HORRIFIC  
21 CRIME. BECAUSE OF ALISON'S DEDICATION TO THESE YOUNG GIRLS,  
22 THEY GET THE CLASSES AND CREDITS THAT THEY NEED. SHE HELPS  
23 CHASE DOWN NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND WORKS WITH THE SCHOOLS TO  
24 BE SURE THAT THEY ARE ON TRACK. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY SHE IS  
25 THEIR NUMBER 1 CHEERLEADER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THEIR

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1 DIPLOMAS. I WANT TO ASK ALLISON TO SAY A FEW WORDS. ALLISON?

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **ALISON NEWCOME:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR HONORING  
5 THESE YOUNG WOMEN TODAY AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR YOUR  
6 DEEP COMMITMENT TO THIS ISSUE. MY NAME IS ALLISON NEWCOME AND  
7 I'M AN AN ATTORNEY WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. I  
8 HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO WORK IN STAR COURT WITH MANY  
9 OF THE GIRLS THERE TO ADDRESS LEGAL BARRIERS TO EDUCATION AND  
10 INDEPENDENCE. THESE 14 YOUNG WOMEN BEING HONORED TODAY HAVE  
11 OVERCOME A LOT. BUT THEY DON'T LET THEIR PASTS DEFINE THEM.  
12 WHILE THEY ARE SURVIVORS, THEY ARE ALSO SO MUCH MORE. AND  
13 TODAY THEY ARE PROUD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. WHILE EACH OF  
14 THESE GIRLS HAS THEIR OWN UNIQUE STORY, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO  
15 INTRODUCE YOU TO CHELSEA. I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME  
16 THAT I MET CHELSEA. SHE APPROACHED ME AT A STAR COURT  
17 EMPOWERMENT EVENT AND EXPRESSED A FIERCE DETERMINATION TO  
18 OBTAIN HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. AND NOW, DESPITE MANY  
19 OBSTACLES, SHE STANDS HERE TODAY AS A PROUD HIGH SCHOOL  
20 GRADUATE. CHELSEA, YOU DEFINE RESILIENCE. WHEN LIFE TRIES TO  
21 PUSH YOU BACKWARD, YOU LEAN IN AND PUSH FORWARD. I FEEL  
22 HONORED TO BE PART OF YOUR JOURNEY AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE  
23 WHAT'S NEXT. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **CHELSEA:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I JUST WANT TO SAY I FEEL  
2   REALLY HONORED TO BE HERE. I THINK WE ALL DO. OUT OF ALL THE  
3   HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF THIS YEAR, WE STAR GIRLS WERE CHOSEN  
4   TODAY. WELL, ACTUALLY WE WERE CHOSEN FROM BIRTH. BUT THE  
5   DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOT BEING DEALT A BAD HAND JUST MEANS THAT  
6   YOU HAVE TO WORK 10 TIMES HARDER AND 10 TIMES STRONGER AND I'M  
7   OKAY WITH THAT. IT'S HARD TO LET PEOPLE SEE THE ROUGH DRAFT OF  
8   OUR LIVES. WE WANT PEOPLE TO SEE THE PRETTY PICTURE IN THE END  
9   AND THE GLAMOUR WHEN IT'S ALL FINISHED. THE REALITY IS THERE  
10  WILL ALWAYS BE A CONTINUOUS ROUGH DRAFT THAT WE ARE ALL  
11  WORKING ON TO BECOMING MORE OF WHO WE ARE AND ACHIEVING OUR  
12  GREAT GOALS. AND TODAY REPRESENTS ONE OF THOSE GREAT  
13  ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WE HAVE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. AND I AM  
14  REALLY PROUD. [APPLAUSE.] PAT ON THE BACK, OKAY. BUT I JUST  
15  WANT TO SAY I'M REALLY PROUD OF ALL THE ROUGH DRAFTS THAT IT  
16  TOOK TO GET ME HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18  **SUP. KNABE:** CHELSEA TAUGHT ME SOME NEW POSES UPSTAIRS HOW TO  
19  TAKE A PICTURE. WE HAD A LITTLE MINI GRADUATION UPSTAIRS BUT  
20  ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE AND THE RESIDENTS OF THIS  
21  GREAT COUNTY, WE REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE EACH ONE OF THESE  
22  VERY INCREDIBLE YOUNG LADIES WHO HAVE OVERCOME SO MUCH AND  
23  HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WALK ACROSS THAT STAGE WITH THAT DIPLOMA. WE  
24  ARE ABSOLUTELY SO PROUD OF THEM. THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE A  
25  LOT OF WORK AHEAD, BUT THEY ALSO KNOW WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED



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1 UP TO THIS POINT. THAT LITTLE PIECE OF PAPER MEANS SO MUCH. IT  
2 MEANS SO MUCH MORE THAN A SIGNATURE OR ANYTHING ELSE. IT'S  
3 DETERMINATION. IT'S WORKING HARD. IT'S KNOWING WHO YOU YOU ARE  
4 AND WANTING TO MAKE YOURSELF BETTER. SO FINALLY LET'S GIVE  
5 THEM ONE BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE IN CONGRATULATIONS. HAPPY  
6 GRADUATION! [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE AN INSTITUTION WE ARE  
9 GOING TO BE INTRODUCING TO YOU RIGHT NOW WHO WILL BE 90 YEARS  
10 OLD ON FRIDAY. [APPLAUSE] AND THAT'S THE LEGENDARY ART LABOE.  
11 LEGENDARY ROCK AND ROLL DISC JOCKEY, SONGWRITER, RECORD  
12 PRODUCER, RADIO STATION OWNER FOR 66 YEARS IN THE  
13 ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS. [APPLAUSE] HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON  
14 THAT COINED THE TERM "OLDIES BUT GOODIES." HIS CAREER IS  
15 MARKED BY MANY FIRSTS IN THE RADIO AND RECORDING BUSINESS. THE  
16 FIRST THE DISC JOCKEY TO PLAY ROCK AND ROLL ON THE WEST COAST.  
17 THE FIRST ONE TO HAVE THE ELVIS HOUR. AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
18 DICK CLARK, HE HOSTED THE FIRST-EVER SOLD-OUT ROCK AND ROLL  
19 CONCERT AT OUR OWN HOLLYWOOD BOWL. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER HOSTING  
20 FROM SCRIVENER'S DRIVE-IN IN LOS ANGELES, THE RADIO SHOW.  
21 [APPLAUSE] AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, I WAS THERE, AS WELL,  
22 LISTENING TO HIM WITH THOSE SONGS AND DEDICATING HIM TO OUR  
23 FRIENDS. HE PROVIDED LISTENERS WITH ON-THE-AIR SONGS,  
24 DEDICATIONS AND REQUESTS. FREQUENTLY REQUESTED SONGS WERE THEN  
25 TURNED INTO THE FIRST ALBUM IN AMERICAN HISTORY TO FEATURE

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1 HITS BY DIFFERENT ARTISTS. THAT ALBUM, OLDIES BUT GOODIES,  
2 STAYED ON THE BILLBOARD TOP 100 FOR OVER THREE YEARS.  
3 REMARKABLE. A PERMANENT DISPLAY OF ART'S ROCK AND ROLL  
4 CONTRIBUTIONS ARE FEATURED AT THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME  
5 MUSEUM IN CLEVELAND. HIS SYNDICATED RADIO SHOW YOU CAN STILL  
6 HEAR TODAY. THE ART LABOE CONNECTION CAN BE HEARD LOCALLY ON  
7 KDAY 93.5 FM SUNDAYS FROM 6 P.M. TO 12 A.M. [APPLAUSE.] BUT  
8 TODAY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE ARE PROCLAIMING THIS ART LABOE  
9 DAY. [APPLAUSE] AND WHILE I WILL NOT BE HERE IN 10 YEARS,  
10 WE'LL GET COMMITMENT FROM THE BOARD THAT WE'LL HAVE ART BACK  
11 HERE FOR HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND HAVE ART LABOE DAY. MARK,  
12 SHEILA, AND HILDA WILL SEE TO THAT. SO ART, CONGRATULATIONS.  
13 GOD BLESS.

14

15 **ART LABOE:** THANK YOU, MIKE. I'M HERE AND YOU'RE HERE. THANK  
16 YOU ALL FOR COMING. ALL OUR FANS MAKING SUCH A GOOD NOISE FOR  
17 US, I ALWAYS APPRECIATE THAT. WELL, I CAME TO LOS ANGELES IN  
18 1936. I WAS 11 YEARS OLD. AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH LOS ANGELES.  
19 I'VE LIVED HERE EVER SINCE RIGHT UP TO THIS DAY. I STILL LIVE  
20 IN LOS ANGELES. AND I LOVE IT IN LOS ANGELES. AND I LOVE BEING  
21 PART OF L.A. AND I PARTICULARLY DOUBLE LOVE BEING HERE TO GET  
22 THIS HONOR TODAY FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND  
23 MAYOR THE MAYOR WHO IS WITH US HERE TODAY, TOO. [LAUGHTER.]  
24 MIKE ANTONOVICH, BEEN A FRIEND OF OURS FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND  
25 YEARS. GOES WAY BACK. I DON'T KNOW HOW OLD HE IS, BUT, ANYWAY,

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1 HE'S A KID NEXT TO ME, LET'S PUT IT THAT WAY. [LAUGHTER.] SO  
2 THANK YOU ALL FOR LISTENING TO ME ON THE RADIO ALL THESE  
3 YEARS. YOU KEEP LISTENING AND I'LL KEEP DOING IT. LIKE I SAY,  
4 I'LL SEE YOU ON THE RADIO. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE ARE GOING TO NOW RECOGNIZE FRANK  
7 GIRARDOT WHO WAS THE PAST EDITOR FOR "THE PASADENA STAR-NEWS"  
8 FOR 27 YEARS CAREER IN JOURNALISM. FRANK BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH  
9 "THE HERALD EXAMINER" IN 1988. HE EARNED HIS FIRST BYLINE  
10 COVERING THE LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE. AFTER "THE HERALD  
11 EXAMINER" CLOSED, FRANK THEN WENT ON TO WORK FOR "THE POMONA  
12 PROGRESS BULLETIN," "THE SAN GABRIEL TRIBUNE," "THE WHITTIER  
13 DAILY NEWS" AND "THE PASADENA STAR-NEWS." AS A REPORTER, HE  
14 COVERED THE FLOODS IN TUJUNGA. NOT JUST TUJUNGA BUT ALSO IN  
15 TIJUANA, MEXICO. THE LOS ANGELES RIOTS IN 1992, THE NORTHRIDGE  
16 EARTHQUAKE, THE FEDERAL MURDER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH  
17 DAVIDIAN CULT. THE OJ SIMPSON TRIAL AND THE PASADENA HALLOWEEN  
18 MURDERS IN 1993. AS EDITOR AND COLUMNIST FOR "THE PASADENA  
19 STAR-NEWS" HE BROKE THE CASE OF THE UNSOLVED MURDER OF  
20 SAMANTHA SOLACE WHICH LED TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTIONS. SO,  
21 FRANK, IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN  
22 COMMUNICATIONS WHICH YOU'RE STILL INVOLVED, WITH  
23 COMMUNICATIONS, AND TO WORK ALONGSIDE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR  
24 YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONALISM. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, FRANK. WE JUST WANT TO  
2    CONGRATULATE YOU AND I WANT TO ALSO TELL YOU HOW SUPPORTIVE  
3    YOU HAVE BEEN IN "THE SAN GABRIEL TRIBUNE" AND IN THE SAN  
4    GABRIEL VALLEY OVERALL. WE'VE WATCHED YOUR WORK FOR MANY  
5    DECADES. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT COVERAGE ON THE  
6    OCCURRENCES AT THE CITY OF INDUSTRY. IT'S BEEN VERY  
7    INFORMATIVE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR WORK WITH  
8    YOU. THANK YOU AND WE SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

9

10   **FRANK GIRAROT:** WOW, THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH. THANK YOU ALL,  
11   ACTUALLY. IT'S KIND OF HARD BEING SANDWICHED BETWEEN ART LEOBE  
12   AND THE PET OF THE WEEK. SO I'LL MAKE MY REMARKS BRIEF. A  
13   COUPLE YEARS AGO, I WROTE SOMETHING PRETTY NASTY ABOUT THE  
14   SHERIFF'S SPOKESMAN AND IT APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER. AND THE  
15   NEXT DAY MY EDITOR SENT ME DOWN TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO  
16   TALK TO THE SHERIFF. SO I'M SITTING IN THE LOBBY AND HERE  
17   COMES THE SPOKESMAN AND HE SAYS TO ME "WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU  
18   DOING HERE"? I SAID I'M HERE TO TALK TO THE SHERIFF. HE SAID  
19   "NOT TODAY." HE WALKED AWAY. AND I GOT TO THINKING, YOU KNOW,  
20   THE SPOKESPEOPLE ARE PEOPLE THAT WE DEAL WITH ALL THE TIME.  
21   THEY'RE ALL REALLY GOOD AND THERE'S BEEN TONS OF THEM HERE AT  
22   L.A. COUNTY, LIKE CHARRA AT THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND OTHERS LIKE  
23   CRAIG HARVEY AND SCOTT CARRIER AT THE CORONER, ANYWAY, SO THE  
24   SPOKESMAN CAME BACK AFTER ABOUT 10 MINUTES AND SAID "COME ON  
25   UP." I REALIZED THAT THERE'S A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN



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1 WHAT THE NEWSPAPER DOES AND WHAT THE COUNTY DOES. WE'RE  
2 PARTNERS, REALLY. ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN NICE PARTNERSHIP AND I  
3 SURE APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH, ALL OF YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME STEVE  
6 GOLIGHTLY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AS  
7 WE DECLARE THE MONTH OF AUGUST CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES  
8 AWARENESS MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT IS THE LARGEST LOCALLY  
9 ADMINISTERED THE CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY IN THE UNITED STATES.  
10 THEY HAVE OVER 350,000 CASES, 24 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL CHILD  
11 SUPPORT CASELOAD IN CALIFORNIA. WITH OVER 1,650 CHILD SUPPORT  
12 PROFESSIONALS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS COLLECTED OVER \$450 MILLION  
13 IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS EACH YEAR. AND WHEN I WAS FIRST  
14 ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND LATER WHEN DON KNABE  
15 BECAME A MEMBER, AS WELL, WE ALWAYS HAD A DYSFUNCTIONAL CHILD  
16 SUPPORT SERVICE. STEVE GOLIGHTLY CAME IN YEARS AGO AND  
17 REFORMED THE SYSTEM. SO TODAY WE PROVIDE QUALITY ASSISTANCE SO  
18 THAT THOSE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO BE RECEIVING THE AID THAT  
19 THEY NEED TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. SO ONCE AGAIN, WE  
20 WANT TO THANK STEVE FOR HAVING A PROFESSIONAL DEPARTMENT THAT  
21 DOES THE FIRST JOB FIRST, AND THAT IS TO HELP OUR CHILDREN. SO  
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND MONTH OF AUGUST IS YOUR MONTH.

23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1     **STEVE GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SPECIAL  
2     THANKS TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOUR DEPUTIES AND  
3     SACHI AND HER STAFF FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE WORK THAT  
4     WE DO IN CHILD SUPPORT EVERY DAY. MEMBERS OF MY SENIOR  
5     MANAGEMENT STAFF ARE HERE WITH US IN THE AUDIENCE THIS  
6     MORNING. MEMBERS OF MY EXECUTIVE TEAM ARE HERE ON THE DIAS  
7     WITH ME. COLLECTIVELY WE REPRESENT THE 1,500 MEMBERS OF OUR  
8     DEPARTMENT WHO WORK EVERY DAY ZEALOUSLY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY  
9     OF LIFE FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE BELIEVE WE ARE  
10    PRIVILEGED TO SERVE. AUGUST IS THE MONTH THAT WE TRADITIONALLY  
11    GO THE EXTRA MILE TO GET THE WORD OUT IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT  
12    THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE. MANY INDIVIDUALS DON'T REALIZE  
13    THAT CHILD SUPPORT IS ONE OF THE TOP THREE ANTI-POVERTY  
14    MEASURES IN THE NATION ALONGSIDE WITH THE EARNED INCOME TAX  
15    CREDIT AND THE FOOD STAMP OR SNAP PROGRAM. WE WORK HARD TO  
16    MAKE SURE THAT FAMILIES GET THE MONTHLY CHECK THAT IN MANY  
17    INSTANCES REPRESENTS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POVERTY AND  
18    ECONOMIC SUCCESS. WITH THAT SAID, IF YOU'RE LISTENING TO THIS  
19    ON TELEVISION OR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU  
20    HAVE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR CHILD SUPPORT CASE OR HAVE QUESTIONS  
21    ABOUT IT, COME INTO ONE OF OUR OFFICES IN THE COUNTY. FIND  
22    WITH US THE MOBILE APP. OR THE NUMBER IS GOING TO BE ON THE  
23    SCREEN OF 866-901-3212. COME IN AND TALK TO US, WE ARE HERE TO  
24    HELP YOU. AGAIN THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND THANK YOU, MR.  
25    MAYOR. [APPLAUSE.]

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2     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HER DAUGHTER IS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
3     LAHSA, THE SCHOOL WE HELPED CREATE A FEW YEARS AGO AND WE  
4     CONGRATULATE HER AND ALL THE STUDENTS THERE. TODAY WE'RE  
5     RECOGNIZING MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD WHO IS OUR COUNTY  
6     LIBRARIAN FOR THE PAST -- [APPLAUSE] 14 YEARS. HER TOTAL  
7     LIBRARY SERVICE WAS 37 YEARS. HER DEGREE, BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
8     HISTORY FROM WHITTIER COLLEGE AND HER MASTER'S IN LIBRARY  
9     INFORMATION SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
10    CALIFORNIA. SHE EARNED AN ADDITIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
11    BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. SHE JOINED  
12    OUR COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BACK IN 1978. 1989 APPOINTED AS THE  
13    DIRECTOR OF THE WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND IN 2001 APPOINTED  
14    BY OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS COUNTY LIBRARIAN FOR MANAGING  
15    THE NATION'S LARGEST PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE UNITED  
16    STATES. DURING HER TENURE, SHE'S WEATHERED THREE ECONOMIC  
17    RECESSIONS, PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING  
18    THOSE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES, OVERSAW DOZENS OF CAPITAL PROJECTS  
19    AND LIBRARY REFURBISHMENTS AS THE ECONOMY IMPROVED, AND KEPT  
20    THE LIBRARY SERVICE DELIVERY ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE  
21    DIGITAL AGE. HER PASSION FOR HER WORK AND FOR PUBLIC SERVICE  
22    IS NOT A SURPRISE TO ANYONE GIVEN HER NUMBER OF YEARS OF  
23    INVOLVEMENT IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL AND RECEIVE I THINK  
24    ORGANIZATIONS. SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA LIBRARY  
25    ASSOCIATION AND MEMBER OF THE URBAN LIBRARIES COUNCIL AND

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1 AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. SO WITH HER TODAY IS HER SISTER  
2 JOAN AND HER HUSBAND DAVE. SO WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR 37  
3 YEARS, 14 OF THOSE IN THE COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR MARK  
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. I  
7 SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A GOOD WORD ABOUT A GOOD LADY.  
8 AND, MR. MAYOR, YOU'VE ALREADY LISTED HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LET  
9 ME WEIGH IN AND ADD JUST A FEW OTHERS. HER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE  
10 WELL WORTH OUR REMEMBERING. JUST IN THE SECOND DISTRICT ALONE,  
11 WE WERE ABLE TO OPEN TWO BEAUTIFUL NEW LIBRARIES IN BOTH  
12 LAWNDALDE AND EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ. AND WE THANK HER FOR THAT.  
13 [APPLAUSE.] AND UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, HER STEWARDSHIP, WE  
14 COMPLETED SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT RENOVATIONS THROUGHOUT THE  
15 DISTRICT, AND SHE EAGERLY WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD  
16 THE FIRST COUNTY LIBRARY IN A JOINT USE FACILITY IN THE NEW  
17 WILLOWBROOK LIBRARY THAT IS NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT. AND SO  
18 MARGARET HAS LED WITH IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY. SHE'S ALSO  
19 OVERSEEN THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN  
20 FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND EXPANDED VITAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING  
21 FAMILY PLACE AND HOMEWORK AND HELP, ALL DESIGNED TO SITUATE  
22 OUR LIBRARIES AS EVOLVING AND VITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES. SHE  
23 HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK. JUST RECENTLY WE MET WITH A GROUP,  
24 THE PUBLIC FUND THAT'S DESIRING TO MAKE LIBRARIES MORE  
25 ACCESSIBLE GENERALLY AND GIRLS' MONTH, WHICH WE WILL ANNOUNCE

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1 SHORTLY. MARGARET STEPPED UP AND SAID "LIBRARIES CAN PLAY A  
2 VITAL ROLE IN MAKING SURE THAT LITERACY IS ALL THAT IT CAN BE  
3 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES." SO, MARGARET, WE TAKE THIS  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE YOU AND TO GIVE YOU YOUR PROBERS BECAUSE  
5 YOU HAVE DONE WELL. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU?  
6 [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR? I WOULD JUST ADD, OBVIOUSLY IN OUR  
9 DISTRICT WE WORKED WITH MARGARET OVER THE YEARS AND WAS HERE  
10 WHEN SHE CAME ABOARD IN 2001. WE HAVE A MAJOR PROJECT GOING ON  
11 IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT AND SHE AND HER TEAM HAVE BEEN ON THE  
12 FOREFRONT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING IT IN A TIMELY MANNER,  
13 ON TIME, ON BUDGET. AND SHE'S BEEN A GREAT FRIEND. SO TO SEE  
14 HER COMMITMENT TO LIBRARIES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO THE  
15 EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, SENIORS. AS WE SAY, EVERYBODY  
16 THINKS "WHY SPEND MONEY ON LIBRARIES NOW WITH ALL THE NEW  
17 TECHNOLOGIES"? OUR LIBRARIES ARE BEING USED NOW MORE THAN EVER  
18 BY EVERYONE OUT THERE FROM THE NEW TECHNOLOGY TO WHATEVER IT  
19 MAY BE. SO MARGARET, YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB. WE'RE PROUD OF  
20 YOU AND WISH YOU GODSPEED AND GOOD HEALTH IN RETIREMENT. THANK  
21 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK EVERY ONE OF OUR DISTRICTS OWES A  
24 GREAT DEBT TO YOU BECAUSE EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS BENEFITED FROM  
25 YOUR VISION, MARGARET. AND I THINK ONE OF MY EARLIEST

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1 MEMORIES, RIGHT AFTER WE MOVED TO L.A., WAS GOING TO A LIBRARY  
2 NEAR WHERE WE LIVE, NEAR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND NORMANDIE,  
3 THEN IT WAS SANTA BARBARA AND NORMANDIE. AND IT WAS SUCH A  
4 REVELATION TO ME, THE RECOGNITION OF THE MAGIC OF IT, OF THE  
5 IMPORTANCE OF IT, NOT JUST LITERACY BUT TAKING YOU TO WORLDS  
6 THAT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING YOUR  
7 HOUSE. AND YOU HAVE HONORED THAT STEWARDSHIP FOR THE COUNTY  
8 LIBRARY SYSTEM. WE'RE REALLY IN YOUR DEBT. SO THANK YOU SO  
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, ALSO, I'LL BE BRIEF. I JUST WANT  
12 TO SAY THAT MY MOST FOND MEMORIES ARE WHEN I WAS A COLLEGE  
13 STUDENT, SPENDING TIME AT THE WEST COVINA LIBRARY BECAUSE THAT  
14 WAS OUR QUIET SPACE WHEN I GREW UP WITH A HOUSEHOLD OF 7  
15 CHILDREN. YOU COULD IMAGINE HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO GET MY  
16 STUDIES DONE. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND FOR YOUR  
17 WORK. AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY RETIREMENT. THANK YOU.  
18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD,  
21 BOTH PRESENT AND PAST. THIS BOARD IS AMAZINGLY SUPPORTIVE OF  
22 LIBRARIES. MY FELLOW URBAN LIBRARY DIRECTORS THROUGHOUT THE  
23 COUNTRY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ENVIOUS THAT WE HAVE A BOARD THAT HAS  
24 A VARIETY OF POLITICAL VIEWS AND DIFFERENT APPROACHES, BUT  
25 THEY'VE ALWAYS AGREED ON LIBRARIES. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR

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1 THAT. IT MAKES MY LIFE SO MUCH EASIER TO ADMINISTER WHEN THE  
2 BOARD HAS A BETTER VISION THAN I DO, USUALLY, OF WHAT WE  
3 SHOULD BE DOING. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES, MY  
4 DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE C.E.O. LIBRARY DEPUTIES. BEEN SO HELPFUL  
5 TO ME. SOMETIMES I KNOW IN THE PRESS THEY TALK ABOUT HOW  
6 DEPARTMENTS DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER, WE'RE NOT COLLABORATIVE.  
7 BUT I'VE NEVER FOUND THAT TO BE TRUE. THEY HAVE RESCUED ME ON  
8 A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. SO THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU. YOU KNOW WHO  
9 YOU ARE WHO HAVE RESCUED ME. AND I KNOW THAT FOR WHOEVER THE  
10 NEW COUNTY LIBRARIAN IS, YOU'LL CONTINUE TO BE COLLABORATIVE.  
11 I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF. I HAVE AN AMAZING STAFF. AND  
12 ANYTHING GOOD THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LIBRARY HAS NOT BEEN  
13 BECAUSE OF ME, IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM. IF YOU JUST GET OUT OF  
14 THE WAY AND LET THEM INNOVATE, THEY DO AMAZING THINGS. SO  
15 THANK YOU, STAFF. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY. MY  
16 SISTER JOAN HAS GONE TO MORE FUNDRAISING EVENTS, VOLUNTEER  
17 EVENTS, FAIRS THAN SHE CAN PROBABLY WANT TO COUNT. WHEN YOU'RE  
18 A FAMILY MEMBER OF A LIBRARIAN, YOU BECOME AN AUTOMATIC  
19 VOLUNTEER. THANK YOU, JOAN. AND OF COURSE MY HUSBAND. WHEN YOU  
20 ARE IN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT IN THE COUNTY, YOU KNOW THAT  
21 THERE'S LONG HOURS AND FOR LIBRARIANS, IT MEANS NIGHTS,  
22 WEEKENDS AND POSTPONED VACATIONS AND WHATEVER ELSE. HE HAS  
23 BEEN EXTRAORDINARILY SUPPORTIVE OF ME, ALWAYS UNDERSTANDING.  
24 AND I COULD NEVER HAVE DONE WHATEVER GOOD I'VE DONE WITHOUT



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1 THAT. SO WITH THAT, I THANK YOU ALL AND I WISH YOU WELL.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 12 WEEK OLD

5 COCKER SPANIEL PEGGY WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. THIS IS LITTLE

6 PEGGY. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE PEGGY? CALL 562-- 256-

7 1364. OH WOW. [LAUGHTER.] SHE'S A LOVING LITTLE PUPPY. HOW ARE

8 YOU? OKAY, OH YEAH. YEAH. [LAUGHTER.] GO SEE UNCLE MARK.

9 [LAUGHTER.]

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I RECOMMEND WE CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER

12 IMMEDIATELY. [LAUGHTER.]

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SHOULDN'T HAVE PUT THAT KIBBLE AND BITS IN

15 THE SHAVING LOTION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LOVING PEGGY IS UP FOR ADOPTION.

18 HILDA, DO YOU HAVE ANY SCROLLS OR PRESENTATIONS?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP AN ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. BEFORE WE DO THAT, LET ME JUST, A

23 MAN STAND UP, OVER 90 YEARS OLD, SENATOR NATE HOLDEN. NATE,

24 WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. WITH WE'VE  
2    HAD ALREADY AN EXCITING DAY. BUT LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
3    TO ASK YOU TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN AS WE  
4    CELEBRATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL OF LOS  
5    ANGELES. AND I THINK YOU WILL FIND THIS TO BE QUITE  
6    INTERESTING. AND AFTER THAT, I WILL MAKE MORE FORMAL REMARKS.  
7    ATTENTION FOCUS ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE.

8

9    **SPEAKER:** LOYOLA HIGH IS NOT ONE THING. IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE  
10   DISCOVERING THE TRUTH OF WHO THEY ARE AND THEN THEY BECOME  
11   THAT TRUTH IN THAT ENVIRONMENT THAT NURTURES IT.

12

13   **SPEAKER:** SOME OF THOSE GIFTS THAT LOYOLA TAUGHT, TO STICK WITH  
14   IT, PERSEVERE, HELPED ME SUSTAIN THE ABILITY TO GET THROUGH  
15   UNDERGRAD AND THEN LAW SCHOOL WHICH PROVED TO BE QUITE  
16   CHALLENGING.

17

18   **SPEAKER:** THERE WERE JESUITS THAT INFLUENCED ME BUT ALSO LAY  
19   PEOPLE THAT TAUGHT ME DISCIPLINE, TAUGHT ME EXCITEMENT.  
20   WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU DO IT PASSIONATELY AND YOU DO IT AS WELL  
21   AS YOU CAN.

22

23   **SPEAKER:** LOYOLA HIGH GAVE ME THE TOOLS TO MOVE THE DIAL AND  
24   GET US CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY THAT GOD MIGHT RECOGNIZE IT.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** I THINK LOYOLA GAVE ME A LOT OF CONFIDENCE. I FELT  
2 THAT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THAT I COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH IF I PUT  
3 MY MIND TO IT.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ACADEMICS. WHAT LOYOLA STRIVES  
6 FOR IS ROUNDED PERSON, PERSON THAT CAN BE COMPASSIONATE BUT  
7 ALSO CONFIDENT AND BE A LEADER.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** "MAN FOR OTHERS" I THOUGHT WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE  
10 HERE TO LOYLA IT WAS JUST A SLOGAN. BUT WHEN I FIRST REALLY  
11 EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY SERVICE HERE AT LOYOLA, IT REALLY SHOWED  
12 ME WHAT THAT TRULY MEANT. IT WASN'T JUST A SLOGAN ANYMORE. IT  
13 WAS SOMETHING THAT I TOOK TO HEART AND SOMETHING THAT I WILL  
14 TAKE TO HEART FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE AND ALWAYS REMEMBER.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT A ONE DIMENSIONAL SCHOOL. IT SUPPORTS EVERY  
17 TYPE OF STUDENT, SUPPORTS EVERY TYPE OF PERSON.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WHETHER YOU'RE THE BEST STUDENT, THE BEST ATHLETE OR  
20 DRAMA STUDENT, BEST WRITER, YOU'LL FIND YOUR NICHE HERE AT  
21 LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE I THINK THE EDUCATION HERE TRIES TO  
22 GIVE EVERY STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE BEST HE CAN BE AT  
23 WHATEVER.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** IT BRINGS UP EDUCATION THAT TRULY IS UNIQUE AND THAT  
2 TRULY IS ESSENTIAL AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THE WORLD.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE FORMING AGENTS OF CHANGE. MADE OF COMPASSION  
5 THAT ARE NEEDED IN THE WORLD TODAY.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** OUR FORMATION AS MEN AS LEADERS WHO CAN HAVE AN  
8 IMPACT ALL OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THEY GET BACK TO THEIR  
9 OWN, WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HERE AND FORMED THOSE  
10 COMMUNITIES IN WAYS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FORMED HERE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** 150 YEARS FROM NOW, I CERTAINLY HOPE WE'RE STILL  
13 TURNING OUT YOUNG MEN THAT UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE A GREATER  
14 CHALLENGE TO MEET IN THE WORLD AS A PERSON AND THAT THEY CAN  
15 UNDERSTAND THEY GOT THEIR ROOTS HERE AT LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'LL PROCEED NOW  
18 WITH SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF LOYOLA HIGH  
19 SCHOOL, FATHER GREGORY GOETHALS SJ. AND THEN WE HAVE WITH US  
20 ALONZO PHILLIPS, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND RESIDENT OF THE  
21 SECOND DISTRICT, VICK HARWOOD, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI. HE  
22 GRADUATED IN THE CLASS OF '73. AND THE ONE AND ONLY JACK  
23 GIRARDI WHO CHAIRS THE 150 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. GIVE THEM  
24 A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE] LOYOLA HIGH IS THE  
25 OLDEST CONTINUALLY OPERATED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN

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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WAS FOUNDED IN 1865 JUST A FEW BLOCKS  
2 AWAY ON LOS ANGELES STREET AND ORIGINALLY NAMED ST. VINCENT'S  
3 COLLEGE. THE JESUIT ORDER BEGAN OPERATING IT IN 1911 AND IN  
4 1917 MOVED TO THE SCHOOL CAMPUS WHERE IT IS CURRENTLY LOCATED  
5 ON VENICE BOULEVARD. ONE YEAR LATER, IT WAS RECHRISTENED  
6 LOYOLA COLLEGE, WHICH HOUSED NOT ONLY THE HIGH SCHOOL BUT ALSO  
7 WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY AND LOYOLA LAW  
8 SCHOOL. AND SO IT WAS IN 1926 THAT TWO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION EXPANDED INTO THEIR LOCATIONS LEAVING LOYOLA HIGH TO  
10 FLOURISH AS ONE OF THE REGION'S MOST ACADEMICALLY RIGOROUS  
11 COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS. LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS SOME 26  
12 A.P. COURSES AND 13 HONORS COURSES TO ITS 1,250 STUDENTS, 99  
13 PERCENT OF WHOM GRADUATE AND GO ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION. IT IS  
14 IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS STUDENT BODY REPRESENTS ALL FIVE  
15 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND ALL THOSE ZIP CODES THEREIN. AND  
16 WE CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT THIS SCHOOL HAS EVOLVED TO A LEVEL  
17 OF DIVERSITY THAT REFLECTS WHAT WE KNOW AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS PROUD BECAUSE LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL HAS  
19 DISTINGUISHED ITSELF AS AN INSTITUTION THAT PREPARES ITS  
20 STUDENTS TO BE MEN WHO ARE INTELLECTUALLY DISTINGUISHED,  
21 MORALLY COURAGEOUS, AND COMPASSIONATE IN SERVICE, BECOMING  
22 IMPACTFUL AGENTS OF CHANGE IN THE WORLD. AND THESE GENTLEMEN  
23 HERE ARE ALL LOYOLA MEN WHO REPRESENT OVER A HALF CENTURY OF  
24 SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AND AFFILIATION WITH THIS REMARKABLE  
25 ACADEMIC INSTITUTION. THEY REPRESENT IN MANY WAYS WHAT THE

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1 BEST OF LOYOLA HAS TO OFFER. SO IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO  
2 RECOGNIZE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF THIS 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
3 CELEBRATION. PLEASE SHOW YOUR LOVE AND RESPECT FOR LOYOLA HIGH  
4 SCHOOL AND ALL OF WHAT IT DOES. [APPLAUSE.] IF YOU WILL COME  
5 FORTH AND MAKE A FEW REMARKS.

6

7 **FR. GREGORY GOETHALS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
8 THANK YOU MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU TO THE ENTIRE BOARD. WE  
9 ARE SO HONORED TODAY BY THIS GREAT AWARD AND WE ARE SO PROUD  
10 TO BE PART OF THE FABRIC OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE SERVE KIDS  
11 FROM AS FAR AWAY AS RIVERSIDE AND NEWPORT BEACH AND VENTURA  
12 COUNTY AND WE HAVE KIDS THAT WALK TO SCHOOL FROM OUR PICO  
13 HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS IMPORTANT. AND I THINK WE'RE  
14 PROBABLY THE MOST DIVERSE JESUIT SCHOOL I KNOW BUT ONE OF THE  
15 MOST DIVERSE SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY. OUR KIDS COME FROM  
16 EVERYWHERE AND REPRESENT ALL PARTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND  
17 THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHO WE ARE. I'M A GRADUATE OF THE  
18 CLASS OF 1973 ALONG WITH NICK, OUR HEAD OF ALUMNI. SO I THINK  
19 THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WHY YOU GOT THE JOB. AND MY DAD WAS THE  
20 CLASS OF 1941. AND MY BROTHERS GRADUATED AROUND THE SAME TIME  
21 I DID AND I'VE HAD NEPHEWS WHO GRADUATED AND VARIOUS AND  
22 SUNDRY FAMILY MEMBERS, AS WELL. WE'RE A FAMILY SCHOOL, BUT WE  
23 ALSO AGAIN ENCOMPASS EVERYONE WHO IS PART OF LOYOLA HIGH  
24 SCHOOL. WE COMMISSIONED DR. KEVIN STAR, WHO IS AT U.S.C. AND  
25 ALSO THE EMINENT CALIFORNIA HISTORIAN TO WRITE OUR BOOK FOR

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1 US, OUR HISTORY FOR US, AND HE UNCOVERED TWO FACTS THAT I  
2 ALWAYS USE WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT LOYOLA. THE FIRST IS THAT  
3 THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE PUEBLO WHEN THEY WERE 150 YEARS AGO, I  
4 THINK KEVIN SAYS THAT THIS WAS THE MURDER CAPITAL OF THE WEST  
5 AND WAS A VERY WILD AND WOOLLY PLACE IN THOSE DAYS. SO KEVIN  
6 SAID THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE PUEBLO ASKED THE ST. VINCENT ORDER  
7 TO COME IN AND BRING SOME CIVILIZATION TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
8 AND HOPEFULLY WE'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR THE LAST 150 YEARS.  
9 AND THE SECOND FACT IS THAT AT ONE POINT WHEN ST. VINCENT'S  
10 WAS HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING THEIR DOORS OPEN FINANCIALLY, THEY  
11 THEY CAME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ASKED FOR A GRANT  
12 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GAVE IT TO THEM. SO WE ARE HAPPY  
13 TO COME BACK AND ASK FOR THAT GRANT AGAIN IF YOU WOULD EVER  
14 CONSIDER IT FOR US AGAIN. [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, WE'RE HAVE YOU  
15 VERY PROUD AND HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR THIS  
16 GREAT AWARD. IT WILL GO AT A PLACE OF HONOR AT LOYOLA HIGH  
17 SCHOOL. PLEASE COME AND VISIT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE APPRECIATE THAT HISTORY LESSON IN  
20 HONOR OF THE SESQUI- CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND WE TAKE PRIDE  
21 TO GIVE YOU YET ANOTHER GRANT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
22 FATHER. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] THAT'S A VERY SPECIAL  
23 GRANT. SHEILA, HILDA, DON, MIKE? COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
24 THIS WONDERFUL INSTITUTION. I HAPPEN TO BE A LOYOLA DAD, SO I  
25 KNOW WHAT THEY DO. SEBASTIAN SINCLAIR GRADUATED FROM THE CLASS



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1 OF 2005 AND IT'S ONE OF THE BEST THE DECISIONS WE COULD HAVE  
2 POSSIBLY MADE. AND I'M REWARDED ROUTINELY BY THAT BY MRS.  
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THOSE YOUNG MEN ARE  
4 FLOURISHING. IT'S NO SMALL MEASURE BECAUSE THIS SCHOOL TEACHES  
5 THEM TO BE MEN FOR OTHERS. GIVE THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF  
6 APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL WE CONTINUE TO MAKE HISTORY, AND  
9 TODAY WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING  
10 RIGHTS ACT. AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT TIME IN THE NATION'S  
11 HISTORY. WE GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO OUR REGISTRAR-RECORDER, COUNTY  
12 CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LOS ANGELES, DEAN LOGAN.  
13 AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE  
14 ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE, ASIAN  
15 PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL, THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER  
16 THEN THE ARC OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED  
17 FOR ECONOMIC JUSTIC, THE L.A. BLACK JEWISH ALLIANCE, CAL,  
18 NONPROFITS VOTE WITH YOUR MISSION, CALIFORNIA COMMON CAUSE,  
19 CHIRLA AND MORE. THE HOME AND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THE  
20 INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN INTEGRITY. KOREAN AMERICAN  
21 COALITION. KW LEE LEADERSHIP, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
22 L.A. COUNTY, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LATINO ELECTED AND  
23 APPOINTED OFFICIALS N.A.L.E.A.O., SERVE THE PEOPLE INSTITUTE,  
24 THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE URBAN  
25 LEAGUE. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AS WE

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1 ACKNOWLEDGE THIS EFFORT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY  
2 PLEASURE TO PROCLAIM AUGUST 2ND THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2015 AS  
3 VOTING RIGHTS ACT WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN  
4 CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.  
5 AND I'M JOINED IN THIS EFFORT TO CELEBRATE IT AS I MENTIONED  
6 DEAN LOGAN, OUR VERY OWN REGISTERED COUNTY RECORDER AND COUNTY  
7 CLERK. AND IN 19 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AS WE CELEBRATE THIS VERY  
8 SPECIAL OCCASION. THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW ON  
9 AUGUST THE 6TH, 1965 BY THEN PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON  
10 TO BAN DISCRIMINATORY VOTING POLICIES AT ALL LEVELS OF  
11 GOVERNMENT. THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS THE FULFILLMENT OF A LONG  
12 AWAITED PROMISE. IT WAS AT THAT TIME AND IT WAS HISTORIC PIECE  
13 OF LEGISLATION ENACTED TO PROTECT AFRICAN AMERICANS' VOTING  
14 PRIVILEGES AFTER DECADES OF DISENFRANCHISEMENT. AND THAT'S  
15 EXACTLY WHAT IT DID. BY COMMEMORATING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT 50  
16 YEARS LATER, WE REMINDING EVERYONE NOT TO TAKE VOTING FOR  
17 GRANTED. AND THAT WE SHOULD KEEP DEMOCRACY INCLUSIVE, STRONG  
18 AND VIBRANT. AND WHEN ELIGIBLE VOTERS DON'T VOTE, WE CAN NO  
19 LONGER CALL OURSELVES PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY. VOTING IS A  
20 FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF DEMOCRACY. AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT  
21 EVERYONE WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BECOME EDUCATION ON THE  
22 ISSUES AND TURN OUT ON ELECTION DAY. AND WE MUST DO MORE THAN  
23 JUST CELEBRATE THE PASSAGE OF THIS HISTORIC LEGISLATION. AND  
24 THAT'S WHY TODAY ON THE AGENDA WE WILL HAVE ITEMS TO  
25 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE QUESTION AT HAND. AND SO I WANT TO SAY

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1 TO YOU THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BE COUNTED AMONG  
2 THE CITIES, THE COUNTIES ACROSS THE NATION WHO CELEBRATE THIS  
3 HISTORIC EFFORT TO EXPAND THE PARAMETERS OF DEMOCRACY. SO  
4 LET'S CELEBRATE IN THE RIGHT WAY. AND I WANT TO NOW ASK  
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IF SHE WOULD JOIN IN OFFERING WORDS BEFORE  
6 DEAN LOGAN MAKES HIS PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
9 WHAT AN AUSPICIOUS OCCASION FOR ALL OF US TO BE HERE TO KNOW  
10 THAT SO MUCH HARD WORK IN THE LAST 50 YEARS AND IF NOT SINCE  
11 THE BEGINNING OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY WHERE SO MANY SACRIFICES  
12 HAVE BEEN MADE BUT PARTICULARLY SHINING A LIGHT ON WHAT IT  
13 MEANT BACK IN SELMA IN 1965 DURING THAT MAJOR MARCH THAT TOOK  
14 PLACE THAT GALVANIZED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IF NOT THE WORLD. I  
15 HAPPENED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY AS A CONGRESSWOMAN AND AS  
16 A CABINET MEMBER TO WALK THE BRIDGE AND TO WALK WITH OTHER  
17 FOLKS. IT WAS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE AND ONE I'LL NEVER  
18 FORGET. AND I THINK ABOUT WHAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DID TO  
19 HELP INSPIRE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL AS FOLKS LIKE CESAR  
20 CHAVEZ WHO ALSO, WHILE THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS MEET ON OCCASION  
21 BECAUSE THEY WERE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, WERE  
22 JOINING HANDS IN HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO VOICE OUR VOTE.  
23 VOTING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR DEMOCRACY. AND EVEN  
24 TODAY WHILE WE FIND THAT IT'S DIFFICULT FOR SOME IN OUR  
25 COMMUNITIES TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH THAT RIGHT TO VOTE,

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1 WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE MUCH MORE WORK TO DO. VOTING RIGHTS HAS  
2 ALLOWED LATINOS, WOMEN, AFRICAN-AMERICANS, ASIAN AMERICANS,  
3 GAY AMERICANS AND SO MANY OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
4 DEMOCRACY. AND WE MUST CONTINUE THAT FIGHT. SO I SALUTE ALL OF  
5 YOU. AND THE CALLING IS OUT BECAUSE NEXT YEAR IS A VERY  
6 IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. WE WANT EVERYONE TO REGISTER  
7 TO VOTE. AND NOT JUST VOTE ONCE BUT VOTE ALL THE TIME. THANK  
8 YOU SO MUCH. AND CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. DEAN, IF  
12 YOU'D COME FORWARD, WE'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU  
13 ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DEAN LOGAN,  
14 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DOES AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB FOR US IN THE  
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **DEAN LOGAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF  
18 THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
19 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. AS HAS BEEN STATED, THIS ACT IS  
20 LANDMARK LEGISLATION THAT FUNDAMENTALLY MADE AN EMPHATIC  
21 STATEMENT ABOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND THOMAS  
22 PAYNE I THINK SAID IT BEST WHEN HE SAID "THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS  
23 THE RIGHT BY WHICH ALL OTHER RIGHTS ARE GUARANTEED." THE  
24 FOUNDATION OF THAT IS ONLY HELD UP WHEN THAT RIGHT IS AFFORDED  
25 TO ALL ELIGIBLE CITIZENS IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE AND THAT'S WHAT

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1 THIS ACT IS ABOUT. IT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF  
2 LEGISLATION FOR INSURING THE END OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION FOR  
3 VOTING AND IN PARTICULAR TO THIS COMMUNITY TO EXTENDING  
4 LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR  
5 OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS. AND SO AS WE  
6 CELEBRATE TODAY THE SIGNING OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT 50 YEARS  
7 AGO, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS ISN'T JUST THE COMMEMORATION  
8 BUT IT'S A CALL TO ACTION. THAT THE PRESERVATION AND THE  
9 PROTECTION OF RIGHTS, ANY RIGHT, AND IN PARTICULAR THE RIGHT  
10 TO VOTE, IS NEVER WORK THAT'S COMPLETED. IT'S ALWAYS ONGOING.  
11 THERE'S MORE TO BE DONE. SO IN THAT REGARD, WE HAVE WORKED  
12 CLOSELY WITH THESE PARTNERS. AND THERE ARE 19 ORGANIZATIONS  
13 STANDING UP HERE TODAY WITH US. THEY'RE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
14 LITERALLY 200 PLUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY  
15 TO PROVIDE VOTER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION, TO PROMOTE THE RIGHT  
16 TO VOTE. AND WE HAVE PARTNERED AGAIN, WE HAVE PUT A TOOL KIT  
17 ON OUR WEBSITE LAVOTE.NET THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE  
18 VOTING RIGHTS ACT, WAYS THAT WE CAN KEEP IT ALIVE TODAY, WAYS  
19 THAT WE CAN USE IT TO ENCOURAGE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THIS  
20 YEAR AHEAD. WE HAVE A DISPLAY ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THIS  
21 BUILDING THAT REPRESENTS WHAT VOTING LOOKED LIKE IN 1965 AND  
22 INCLUDES THE ABILITY FOR YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE LITERACY  
23 TEST THAT USED TO BE OFFERED AND REQUIRED FOR PEOPLE TO  
24 REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE SOUTH. AND I WOULD CHAL CHALLENGE  
25 ANYBODY TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND TEST YOURSELF TODAY AND SEE

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1 WHAT A BARRIER THAT WAS TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE. SO WE'VE  
2 COME A LONG WAY, BUT WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. AND WE ARE  
3 COMMITTED IN THE DEPARTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THESE  
4 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, TO LIVE UP TO THE CHALLENGE AND TO  
5 THE VISION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. SO THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE  
6 BOARD AND TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR RECOGNIZING THIS  
7 OCCASION. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
10 IF YOU'D JOIN US IN A HISTORIC PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. JUST JOIN  
11 US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, KUEHL, ANTONOVICH, KNABE. WE WILL TAKE  
12 OUR STAND FOR VOTING RIGHTS ACT. AND A LITTLE LATER TODAY, WE  
13 WILL HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS TO DEAL WITH H.R.2867 ON THE  
14 VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND THE ISSUE OF EVANWELL VERSUS ABBOTT. WE  
15 WILL DO THOSE PIECES OF BUSINESS TODAY, AS WELL. ONE FINAL  
16 REMARK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU DON'T VOTE ON TUESDAY,  
17 YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ON WEDNESDAY, ALL RIGHT?  
18 EVERYBODY CLAP YOUR HANDS IF YOU THINK THAT'S RIGHT. THANK  
19 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR MARK  
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR  
23 A MOTION TO PUT ON THE TABLE. AND THEN WE HAVE A MOTION OF THE  
24 SPEAKER REQUEST ON EXECUTIVE SESSION. WE'LL CALL THAT PERSON  
25 UP AND THEN MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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2     **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE TO READ IN A  
3     MOTION THIS MORNING THAT YOU HAVE ALSO CO-AUTHORED WITH ME.  
4     AND THIS IS REGARDING THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC RAVE FESTIVALS IN  
5     LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IF I MIGHT, CERTAIN FACTS HAVE COME TO  
6     OUR ATTENTION SINCE THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA THAT REQUIRE  
7     IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE BOARD, SPECIFICALLY THE POMONA  
8     FAIRPLEX HOSTED AN ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL KNOWN AS HARD  
9     SUMMER OVER THE WEEKEND. TRAGICALLY, TWO YOUNG WOMEN LOST  
10    THEIR LIVES AT THIS FESTIVAL. WE HAVE CALLED FOR A FULL  
11    INVESTIGATION TO BE LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY. BACK IN 2010 THE  
12    BOARD TOOK ACTION TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
13    HEALTH SERVICES CONVENE A TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF APPROPRIATE  
14    REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL CITIES, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
15    HOSPITALS, COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
16    COMMISSIONS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVIDERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO  
17    DEVELOP A SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT THESE  
18    EVENTS. THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROMOTERS WORKED WITH COMMUNITY  
19    PARTNERS TO CURB THE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL ENVIRONMENTS AT THESE  
20    EVENTS BY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF ILLICIT  
21    SUBSTANCES SUCH AS ECSTASY AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
22    ENHANCED RAVE SAFETY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD MORE MEASURES ARE  
23    NEEDED TO BE CONSIDERED TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL  
24    PATRONS AND ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ILLICIT DRUGS. WE THEREFORE  
25    MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND THAT THIS MATTER CAME



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1 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SINCE THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA  
2 AND REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE BOARD. UPON THE APPROVAL  
3 OF TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE BOARD THIS ITEM SHOULD BE ADDED  
4 TO TODAY'S AGENDA UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2B2. WE  
5 FURTHER MOVE TO INSTRUCT THE INTERIM CHIEF OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
6 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN TWO  
7 WEEKS ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: TO EXPLORE PROHIBITING  
8 RAVES ON COUNTY PROPERTY WHILE EXAMINING SECURITY AND OTHER  
9 PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES AT THESE RAVES. AND EXPLORE WHAT  
10 MEASURES NEED TO BE CONSIDERED TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
11 FOR ALL PATRONS AT THESE EVENTS. WE ALSO MOVE THAT THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR A CULTURALLY  
13 COMPETENT EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ECSTASY  
14 AND OTHER DRUGS.

15  
16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL SECOND THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
17 ORDERED. THAT IT BE ON THE AGENDA FOR REPORT BACK. AND WE HAVE  
18 ONE MEMBER WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THAT. AND THAT'S MR. SACHS.

19  
20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. THANK YOU  
21 FOR PUTTING IT ON THE AGENDA, MISS SOLIS. BUT I BELIEVE YOU  
22 PREFACED YOUR REMARKS BY SAYING IN 2010, THE COUNTY GOT  
23 TOGETHER WITH CITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES TO COME UP WITH A LIST  
24 OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MAKE THESE RAVES SAFER FOR ALL  
25 THE PUBLIC FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ATTENDING. SO WHAT IS NEW THAT

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1 YOU'RE GOING TO DECIDE IN TWO WEEKS? ARE YOU GOING TO  
2 RECOMMEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS? WHAT EXACTLY -- WHAT WERE THE  
3 OLD RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WEREN'T UPHELD? AND HOW MANY PEOPLE  
4 ATTENDED THIS CONCERT OVER THE WEEKEND? I MEAN, IT'S A TRAGEDY  
5 THAT TWO PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES. BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT SHOT  
6 IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. OVER THE WEEKEND? HOW MANY PEOPLE GOT  
7 SHOT IN EAST L.A. OVER THE WEEKEND? HOW MANY PEOPLE DIED IN  
8 THE COUNTY OVER THE WEEKEND THAT THESE TWO PEOPLE, THEIR LIVES  
9 WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER SAFETY FOR ALL THE INDIVIDUALS? YOU  
10 KNOW, THERE WAS A BIG STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE  
11 OLYMPICS AND HOW BOSTON TURNED DOWN THE OLYMPICS AND ALL THIS  
12 STUFF AND IT'S L.A.'S TURN AND THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER THING.  
13 AND IF YOU LOOK AT SOME OF THE NEWSPAPER STORIES, THEY WERE  
14 HOLDING UP THESE SIGNS IN BOSTON: NO OLYMPICS. SAFER CITIES,  
15 NO OLYMPICS. BETTER TRANSPORTATION, NO OLYMPICS. BETTER  
16 HOUSING. SO L.A. IS CHEERING ON THE OLYMPICS. BUT WE HAVE  
17 SAFER CITIES? NO. WE HAVE BETTER HOUSING? NO. AND WE HAVE  
18 BETTER TRANSPORTATION? NO. SO HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP VERONICA, DISTRICT  
21 DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESSWOMAN TORRES AND ALSO CINDY FROM THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I WOULD ALSO ASK IF WE COULD HAVE  
25 CHIEF OSBY COME FORWARD. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S HERE.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CHIEF OSBY, IF YOU'RE HERE, IF YOU  
3 COULD ALSO. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. FORGIVE ME. MY LETTER IS  
6 ON MY TELEPHONE. GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF  
7 CONGRESSWOMAN NORMA TORRES I DO HAVE A LETTER TO READ ON HER  
8 BEHALF. "I WRITE TODAY TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE INCIDENT  
9 SURROUNDING THE HARD SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT TOOK PLACE THE  
10 WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1ST AND 2ND AT THE POMONA FAIRPLEX. THE  
11 EVENTS SURROUNDING WERE UNACCEPTABLE AND TRAGIC RESULTING IN  
12 THE DEATHS OF TWO TEENAGERS. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST  
13 DO SOMETHING TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. AS WE KNOW  
14 THE POMONA FAIRPLEX IS A PREMIER ENTERTAINMENT CENTER AND IS  
15 HOME TO THE ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY FAIR. WHILE IT IS A LARGE AND  
16 IMPORTANT VENUE FOR ENTERTAINMENT, IT IS ALSO NEAR A  
17 RESIDENTIAL AREA FILLED WITH HOMES, SCHOOLS AND RECREATIONAL  
18 AREAS. THESE COMMUNITIES THAT VALUE SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY,  
19 RAISING THEIR KIDS AND ENGAGING THEIR NEIGHBORS THE HARD MUSIC  
20 FESTIVAL UNDERMINED THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THIS  
21 COMMUNITY AS A RESIDENT I WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE EXCESSIVE  
22 NOISE AND BUMPER TO BUMPER TRAFFIC RESULTING FROM PATRONS  
23 DRIVING TO AND FROM THE VENUE. FAMILIES WERE UNABLE TO USE THE  
24 LARGE COMMUNITY PARK ADJACENT TO THE FAIRPLEX DUE TO LACK OF  
25 PARKING AND TRAFFIC RESULTING FROM THE EVENT. FURTHERMORE THE

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1 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY WAS SUBJECT TO INDECENT EXPOSURE AND  
2 ABUSE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY INCLUDING PUBLIC URINATION AND  
3 LITTER AND NUMEROUS FIGHTS. MOST TROUBLING THE FESTIVAL WAS  
4 ASSOCIATED DRUG USE THAT LED TO THE DEATHS OF THE TWO TEENAGE  
5 GIRLS. THE BEHAVIOR SURROUNDING THIS FESTIVAL IS UNACCEPTABLE  
6 AND PUT THE COMMUNITY AT UNNECESSARY RISK OF HARM. IN JUNE I  
7 WROTE TO THE CITY OF POMONA EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR  
8 GRANTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE APPEAL FILED BY THE  
9 RESIDENTS OF THE POMONA REGARDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
10 BY THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION. I ASKED THAT THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS SUPPORT A PUBLIC HEARING AND TAKE THEIR ACTIONS A  
12 STEP FURTHER BY INITIATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND  
13 TRAFFIC STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACTS OF THE FAIRPLEX'S  
14 ACTIVITIES ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES. I ALSO URGE THE BOARD TO  
15 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO BAN ELECTRONIC MUSIC  
16 FESTIVALS ON COUNTY LAND UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE  
17 TEENS' TRAGIC DEATHS CONCLUDE. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE  
18 THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES SO WE DO NOT  
19 EXPERIENCE ANOTHER TRAGEDY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION."

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CINDY?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE  
24 CINDY HARDING TO COME AND SPEAK TO US BECAUSE SHE WAS UNIQUELY  
25 INVOLVED IN A REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED FIVE YEARS AGO THAT WAS

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1 UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED BY THE THEN BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING THIS  
2 ISSUE. SO I WANTED TO HAVE HER SPEAK TO THAT REGARDING WHAT  
3 THAT REPORT OUTLINED BACK THEN AND WHERE WE ARE TODAY. AND  
4 WHAT IS IT THAT WE NEED TO DO NOW. AND ALSO IF YOU COULD GO  
5 OVER AND EXPLAIN WHAT THE EFFECTS ARE FROM DRUG OVERDOSE,  
6 ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO THIS PARTICULAR DRUG, ECSTASY?

7

8 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** HELLO. OKAY. THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING,  
9 SUPERVISORS AND MAYOR ANTONOVICH. CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM  
10 DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND I AM HERE  
11 WITH GARY, DR. GARY SIGH WHO IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE  
12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM. SO I'LL MAKE A  
13 FEW BRIEF COMMENTS ABOUT THE 2010 REPORT AND THE WORK THAT WE  
14 DID AT THAT TIME IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THEN  
15 I'LL ASK DR. SIGH TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE IMPACT OF TAKING  
16 ECSTASY AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON THE BODY. SO BACK IN 2010,  
17 FOLLOWING A SERIES OF DRUG-RELATED DEATHS AND PROBLEMS AT THE  
18 LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
19 HEALTH, ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND  
20 OTHERS WERE PART OF A TASKFORCE APPOINTED BY YOUR BOARD. AND  
21 WE DRAFTED A SET OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH  
22 AND SAFETY OF PATRONS ATTENDING ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVALS, OR  
23 WHAT ARE ALSO CALLED RAVES. AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SPANNED  
24 A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES THINGS ABOUT THE VENUES, SAFETY AND  
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS, ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUG-

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1 RELATED EDUCATION AND RELATED ISSUES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
2 SERVICES. SOME OF THOSE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED  
3 ADEQUATE ACCESS PATHWAYS FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO GET TO  
4 PATRONS IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM, AMPLE WATER STATIONS, ACCESS  
5 TO FREE WATER FOR PATRONS, SCREENING UPON ENTRY FOR DRUG  
6 PARAPHERNALIA AND ILLICIT DRUGS AND SUFFICIENT SECURITY AT  
7 THESE EVENTS. A LETTER WAS SENT BY YOUR BOARD TO ALL 88 CITY  
8 MAYORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT THAT TIME. AND A COPY OF THOSE  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS AS A GENERAL POLICY DIRECTION FOR ALL FUTURE  
10 ELECTRONIC MUSIC EVENTS HELD AT BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE VENUES  
11 WAS SENT OUT. AND IN ADDITION TO THESE EDUCATION AWARENESS  
12 MESSAGES REGARDING THE DANGER OF ECSTASY WERE GIVEN TO  
13 ATTENDEES AT THE L.A. COLISEUM AT FUTURE EVENTS. DUE TO THE  
14 NUMEROUS ISSUES THAT AROSE IN 2010 AND THE BEGINNING OF 2011  
15 AND THE PUBLIC DEBATE SURROUNDING THESE MEGA RAVES IN L.A.  
16 COUNTY, MANY OF THE PROMOTERS MOVED OUTSIDE THE ELECTRONIC  
17 MUSIC FESTIVAL THAT WAS AT THE COLISEUM, WENT TO NEVADA. OTHER  
18 PROMOTERS MOVED TO ORANGE COUNTY. AND WE FOLLOWED UP AND  
19 PROVIDED THOSE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH COPIES OF OUR  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP THEM PREPARE FOR THEIR EVENTS, AS  
21 WELL. LET ME TURN TO DR. SIGH TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
22 IMPACT OF ECSTASY AND WHAT IT DOES. DR. GARY SIGH GOOD  
23 MORNING. GARY SIGH, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
24 PREVENTION AND CONTROL. SO ECSTASY IS A SYNTHETIC STIMULANT  
25 WITH HALLUCINOGENIC EFFECTS. SOME OF THE REASONS WHY IT'S

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1 COMMONLY ABUSED IN RAVE SETTINGS ARE THAT IT CAUSES EUPHORIA,  
2 INCREASED FEELING OF EMPATHY AS WELL AS CLOSENESS. SOME OF THE  
3 ACUTE DANGEROUS IMPACTS OF THIS DRUG ARE HYPERTHERMIA. SO HEAT  
4 STROKE. WHICH CAN LEAD TO KIDNEY AS WELL AS LIVER FAILURE,  
5 CARDIAC EFFECTS WHICH CAN LEAD TO CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS OR  
6 ABNORMAL HEART RHYTHMS, WHICH CAN SUBSEQUENTLY LEAD TO CARDIAC  
7 ARREST, AS WELL AS NEUROLOGIC SYMPTOMS SUCH AS SEIZURES OR  
8 STROKE OFTENTIMES RELATED TO ELEVATED BLOOD PRESSURES  
9 ASSOCIATED WITH THE STIMULANTS AS WELL AS WITH IMBALANCES IN  
10 ELECTROLYTES SUCH AS SODIUM LEVELS. SOME OF THE LONG TERM  
11 EFFECTS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN ARE RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH,  
12 DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AS WELL AS MEMORY AND CONCENTRATION  
13 PROBLEMS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO SUBMIT ALSO FOR  
16 THE RECORD, I KNOW IN THE PAST, PUBLIC HEALTH HAS PUBLISHED  
17 THESE FLIERS THAT ACTUALLY OUTLINE WHAT ECSTASY IS, WHAT IT  
18 CAN DO, THE HARMFUL EFFECTS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REMAIN  
19 SAFE, TO KEEP HYDRATED AND TO RECOGNIZE WHEN SOMEONE IS GOING  
20 THROUGH AN OVERDOSE AND MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE STEPS TO  
21 TAKE THAT PEOPLE CAN TAKE, THAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN TAKE. I DON'T  
22 KNOW IF THESE ITEMS WERE DISTRIBUTED AT ANY OF THE RAVE  
23 CONCERTS THAT WERE HELD IN THE COUNTY, BUT CERTAINLY IT WOULD  
24 REQUIRE US TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT MEASURES WE CAN TAKE. I AM  
25 VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW THESE KINDS OF EFFORTS, PUBLIC



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1 OUTREACH CAN BE ENHANCED GIVEN WHAT WE KNOW. AND THE FACT THAT  
2 THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT AREN'T FULLY AWARE  
3 BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE, INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE IMPACT  
4 IS. SO I AM VERY ENCOURAGED BY YOUR REPORT THAT WAS ISSUED  
5 FIVE YEARS AGO. I WANT TO KNOW I GUESS OUR REPORT BACK FROM  
6 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE EXACTLY WHERE THE DIFFERENCES ARE WITH THE  
7 VENDORS THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH, THE CONTRACTORS, AND WHAT WE  
8 CAN DO TO PREVENT THESE TYPES OF UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES. I  
9 THINK THE POINT FOR ME, MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME ON  
10 THIS AS A CO-AUTHOR IS THAT I UNDERSTAND WE'VE GOT A LOT ON  
11 OUR PLATE. THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ENJOY BEING  
12 TOGETHER AT CONCERTS. AND CERTAINLY I RECALL AS A YOUNGSTER  
13 GOING TO CONCERTS AND UNDERSTANDING AND FEELING A SENSE OF  
14 BELONGING. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE ALSO DANGERS. AND WE  
15 HAVE TO BE VERY PRECAUTIOUS ABOUT HOW WE HANDLE OUR EVENTS,  
16 PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO COUNTY PROPERTY. SO I WANT TO  
17 THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR ENDURING THIS MOMENT AND THE  
18 URGENCY TO BRING THIS ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD. I DON'T HAVE ANY  
19 FURTHER QUESTIONS EXCEPT TO SAY THAT I DID GET SOME  
20 INFORMATION FROM POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.  
21 THEY SHARED WITH ME THAT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST, TOTAL  
22 PATIENTS, NUMBER OF PATIENTS SEEN THAT DAY WAS 269. THE NORMAL  
23 AMOUNT IS ABOUT 240. TOTAL RAPE PATIENTS WAS 11, FROM 3 P.M.  
24 TO 11 P.M., ALL ALCOHOL ABUSE, DRUG OVERDOSE, ALTERED LEVELS  
25 OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND ONE CARDIAC ARREST. ALL CAME VIA

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1 AMBULANCE. TWICE THE AMOUNT NORMALLY SEEN. OBVIOUSLY THAT HAS  
2 A FINANCIAL IMPACT FOR US. THE E.D. DIVISION, THREE HOURS  
3 NORMALLY NO DIVERSION. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, TOTAL PATIENTS  
4 SEEN FOR THAT DAY WAS 291, WHICH THEY SAY IS NORMAL. TOTAL  
5 RAPE PATIENTS 18 FROM 1:30 TO 11 P.M. ALL ALCOHOL ABUSE, DRUG  
6 OVERDOSE, ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUS, 3 X NORMAL. 2 PATIENTS  
7 ADMITTED TO I.C.U. STILL HOSPITALIZED. E.D. DIVERSION, TWO  
8 HOURS, NORMALLY NONE. THAT'S A REPORT THAT I RECEIVED ALSO I  
9 WANT TO TO ENTER THAT ALSO INTO THE RECORD.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAVE A QUESTION, TOO, MR. MAYOR.  
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST IN TERMS OF THE MOTION ABOUT REPORTING  
17 BACK IN TWO WEEKS TO EXPLORE PROHIBITING RAVES ON COUNTY  
18 PROPERTY, I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD IF WE KNEW FROM THE COUNTY  
19 COUNSEL IF WE HAVE ANY CONTRACTS IN PLACE FOR ANY OF THESE  
20 EVENTS ON COUNTY PROPERTY JUST SO WE KNOW AT LEAST ABOUT  
21 ESSENTIAL BREACH OF CONTRACT, ET CETERA.

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT,  
24 TOO.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO ONCE AGAIN ON THE ISSUE, THOSE  
2    PEOPLE, SECURITY, THEY ARE PRIVATE SECURITY, EVEN MUNICIPAL  
3    SECURITY, THAT THE PROTOCOLS FOR TRAINING ARE IN PLACE AND  
4    STRICTLY ENFORCED. I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF DRUGS THAT WERE  
5    TAKEN, ILLEGAL DRUGS THAT WERE TAKEN. BUT AGAIN PERHAPS THE  
6    TRAINING NEEDS TO BE OVERSEEN WITH A BETTER EVALUATION FOR  
7    FUTURE EVENTS.

8

9    **MARY WICKHAM:** GREAT POINT.

10

11   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, WE DO HAVE CHIEF OSBY  
12   HERE.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CHIEF OSBY.

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16   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** COME JOIN US. I KNOW HE WAS IN TRAFFIC.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, WE DON'T HAVE TRAFFIC HERE.

19   [LAUGHTER.]

20

21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WE WANTED TO ASK YOU IF YOU COULD REPORT ON  
22   THE FAIRPLEX INCIDENT, THE CONCERT OVER THE WEEKEND AND WHAT  
23   THAT MEANT IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AND WHAT TYPES OF INCIDENTS  
24   YOU WERE INVOLVED IN OR MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, YOUR STAFF, IF  
25   YOU COULD LAY THAT OUT FOR US?

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2 **DARYL OSBY:** YES, HONORABLE SUPERVISOR SOLIS. DARYL OSBY,

3 COUNTY FIRE CHIEF. UNFORTUNATELY OVER THIS WEEKEND, THERE WAS

4 A RAVE CONCERT AT THE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS. AND WE HAD TWO

5 DEATHS SURROUNDING THAT INCIDENT. AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY

6 WERE OVERDOSES, THAT'S UNDER INVESTIGATION RIGHT NOW.

7 TYPICALLY IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS, WHEN THERE'S LARGE VENUES

8 AT THE POMONA FAIRPLEX, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

9 SERVICES THROUGH THE E.M.S. AGENCY, OUTSIDE PRIVATE ENTITIES

10 ARE HIRED ON CONTRACT BY THE FAIRPLEX TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE

11 AND MEDICAL OVERSIGHT FOR THE EVENT. AND THAT'S DONE IN A WAY

12 NOT TO FULLY IMPACT OUR DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE. OUR

13 ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN RELATION TO THIS EVENT WAS THAT WE

14 PROVIDED EMERGENCY RESPONSE OUTSIDE THE VENUES AND THEN WE

15 RECEIVED ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PARAMEDIC

16 UNIT IN THE PARKING AREA OUTSIDE THE VENUE. BUT WE PROVIDED

17 ALL THE SERVICE, EMERGENCY CARE OUTSIDE THE VENUE ITSELF. WE

18 ALSO HIRED FIRE SAFETY OFFICERS WHICH WE TYPICALLY DO FOR

19 THESE TYPES OF EVENTS AND AND THEY TYPICALLY DO FIRE

20 PREVENTION TYPE ACTIVITIES, ENSURE THAT THE EXITS ARE CLEAR

21 AND THAT HOUSEKEEPING IS KEPT UP AND THERE'S NO -- ANYTHING

22 THAT WOULD CAUSE AN INCIDENT. WE ALSO IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS,

23 PROVIDE HOMELAND SECURITY. WE WORK WITH THE SHERIFFS'

24 DEPARTMENT ENSURING ALL THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION IS

25 COMPLETED AND THEN THEY OVERSEE THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS TO MAKE

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1 SURE THERE ARE NO TYPE OF TERRORIST EVENTS IN THAT REGARD.  
2 UNFORTUNATELY WE HAD DOZENS OF INCIDENTS IN RELATION TO THESE  
3 TYPES OF VENUES. AND LIKE I SAID EARLIER, UNFORTUNATELY TWO  
4 PEOPLE DIED. THE PEOPLE THAT PASSED AWAY WERE ACTUALLY  
5 TRANSPORTED BY THE INTERNAL STAFF. WE ALSO WAS BROUGHT TO OUR  
6 ATTENTION THAT WE HAD TWO PEOPLE THAT MET TRAUMA CENTER  
7 CRITERIA, THAT ACTUALLY FELL AND HIT THEIR HEAD. ONE PERSON  
8 WAS TRANSPORTED BY SHERIFF AIR 5 AND THE OTHER PERSON WAS  
9 TRANSPORTED TO THE TRAUMA CENTER BY THE INTERNAL STAFF. SO THE  
10 ONLY INVOLVEMENT THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD IN THIS  
11 SITUATION WAS INCIDENTS IN THE PARKING LOT AND OUTSIDE THE  
12 VENUE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOW MANY STAFF WERE INVOLVED? TYPICALLY ARE  
15 ASSIGNED TO A RAVE CONCERT? IS THERE A PARTICULAR NUMBER?

16

17 **DARYL OSBY:** WE HAVE IT'S BASED ON A NUMBER. BUT IN THIS  
18 SITUATION, WE HAD TWO ADDITIONAL PARAMEDICS PER DAY ASSIGNED  
19 TO THE PARAMEDIC UNIT IN THE PARKING LOT. WE HAD OUR HOMELAND  
20 SECURITY CHIEF AND TWO CAPTAINS ASSIGNED FOR HOMELAND  
21 SECURITY. AND THEN WE HAD FIRE SAFETY OFFICERS. I'M NOT  
22 EXACTLY SURE OF THE NUMBER. BUT MINIMALLY TWO, IF NOT MORE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** PARAMEDIC STAFF FOR THE OUTER LYING AREA?

25

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1   **DARYL OSBY:** THE ADDITIONAL PARAMEDIC UNIT STAFF WAS FOR THE  
2   PARKING AREA ONLY.

3

4   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT AT SOME  
5   POINT WHEN WE DO GET A REPORT BACK, IT WOULD BE GOOD TO FIGURE  
6   OUT THE ACTUAL COST TO THE COUNTY FOR WHAT WE'VE INCURRED BUT  
7   ALSO WHAT WE GET REIMBURSED FOR. I THINK THAT WOULD HELP ME  
8   BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COST IMPLICATIONS ARE. THE USE ALSO  
9   OF THE SHERIFFS THAT WERE INVOLVED WITH ANY AIR LIFTING AND  
10   OTHER SUPPORT THAT THEY MAY HAVE PROVIDED, AS WELL. THANK YOU,  
11   MR. MAYOR.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. CS-1, MR. PREVEN?

14

15   **ERIC PREVIN:** THANK YOU, SIR, IT IS THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
16   DISTRICT 3. THIS IS A CASE THAT HAS TO DO WITH ALLEGATIONS  
17   REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE COUNTY JAILS. THE  
18   REASON WHY I SIGNED UP WAS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO  
19   UNDERSTAND WHICH CASE THIS IS. WE HAVE SEVERAL CASES LIKE  
20   THIS. THERE'S ONE WHICH IS CALLED THE ROSAS CASE, WHICH  
21   DROOYAN IS SERVING AS A MONITOR. THIS HAS TO DO WITH ABUSE IN  
22   THE JAIL. ANOTHER ONE IN THE PAST CALLED SHERMAN BLOCK AND I  
23   DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S IT, BUT THIS CASE HAS APPEARED REPEATEDLY  
24   ON OUR AGENDA. SO I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD IDENTIFY IT BY  
25   NAME. THERE'S A THIRD ONE WHICH I BELIEVE WAS SETTLED QUITE

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1 RECENTLY SO MAYBE IT WOULD NOT BE THAT. WHICH IS THE U.S.A.  
2 VERSUS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH YOU WILL RECALL HAS TO  
3 DO WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PATROL ISSUES. SO THE PURPOSE IS  
4 TO HAVE A SENSE OF WHERE WE ARE IN THIS PROCESS. TODAY AS YOU  
5 KNOW THERE ARE MANY OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO CS-1. AND  
6 I WAS A LITTLE TAKEN ABACK BY SPEAKING ON THAT ALONE. BUT I  
7 WILL LIMIT MY REMARKS TO THE INQUIRY. IF THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
8 COULD IDENTIFY THE CASE, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. THANK YOU,  
9 SIR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** IN  
14 ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
15 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION  
16 TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
17 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION; ITEM NO. CS-5, DEPARTMENT  
18 HEAD EVALUATIONS.

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21 [CLOSED SESSION]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR RECONSIDERATION TWO ITEMS. MOVE  
25 FOR RECONSIDERATION 1-D AND 1-F BY KNABE AND I'LL SECOND



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1 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE HAD SOMEBODY SIGNED UP TO  
2 SPEAK ON THAT ITEM. AND GO TO ON ITEM 16 AND 54, I'M GOING TO  
3 RELEASE MY HOLD SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THAT AND SECOND BY  
4 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. OKAY. NOW WE'LL GO ON TO S-1.  
5 WE HAVE OUR DISTINGUISHED COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND OUR  
6 DISTINGUISHED COUNTY SHERIFF WHO JUST SPENT A NICE EVENING OR  
7 AFTERNOON WITH US THAT FELT LIKE 24 HOURS INSTEAD OF JUST AN  
8 HOUR AND A HALF. BUT WE ALWAYS LEAVE WITH A SMILE, RIGHT?  
9 ANYWAY, WE'LL BE ON S-1. SO OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE  
10 LACEY.

11

12 **JACKIE LACEY:** I DON'T HAVE THE AGENDA IN FRONT OF ME BUT I  
13 ASSUME S-1 IS THE VICTIM SERVICES REPORT. SO I HAVE THE  
14 DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU AS WELL AS THE EXPERT ON RESTITUTION TO  
15 JOIN ME.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAVE THEM COME UP.

18

19 **JACKIE LACEY:** SO LYDIA BOWDEN AND DONNA WILLS WHO WERE WITH ME  
20 BEFORE IN NOVEMBER WHEN I GAVE THIS REPORT WILL JOIN ME IN  
21 GIVING THIS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. I BELIEVE ALL MEMBERS OF  
22 THE BOARD HAVE OUR REPORT, OUR EXTENSIVE REPORT. WE WERE GIVEN  
23 A TASK TO GO BACK AND GET FURTHER DETAILS. AND I AM ACTUALLY  
24 GRATEFUL THAT THE SUPERVISOR SUGGESTED THAT WE COME BACK WITH  
25 THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION BECAUSE WE CAN'T FORGET THE

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1 VICTIMS IN THE MIDST OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS I  
2 MENTIONED IN MY PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
3 OFFICE EXCLUSIVELY IS THE AGENCY THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT  
4 THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS AS WELL AS SEEK RESTITUTION. AND OUR  
5 REQUEST IS BASED ON DOING THAT IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS. ONE, WE  
6 KNOW THAT A LOT OF VICTIMS STILL DO NOT KNOW THAT IF THEY  
7 SUFFERED SOME SORT OF HARM, BE IT ECONOMICALLY OR PHYSICALLY,  
8 OR IF THEY'RE FACING EXPENSES CAUSED BY THE ACTS OF SOMEONE  
9 WHO COMMITTED A CRIME IN THIS STATE, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO  
10 RESTITUTION. NOT JUST FROM THE STATE. IT'S ALSO FROM THE  
11 PERSON WHO IS CHARGED WITH THE CRIME. YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST  
12 ROOTED IN OUR CIVILIZATION, THAT IF SOMEONE COMMITS A CRIME,  
13 THEY HAVE TO MAKE THE VICTIM WHOLE. SO WE ARE ESSENTIALLY  
14 ASKING FOR MORE STAFF TO PUT IN POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER  
15 PLACES WHERE WE KNOW WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF ENCOUNTERING  
16 VICTIMS AND LETTING THEM KNOW ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AND ASSIST  
17 THEM IN OBTAINING RESTITUTION. MANY OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME  
18 ARE POOR PEOPLE. THEY ARE PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE  
19 ABILITY TO ABSORB A LOSS. SOMETIMES IT'S SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL  
20 AS THE FAMILY CAR OR CAR THEY'RE USING TO GET TO WORK. AND  
21 MORE DEVASTATING SITUATIONS, IT'S THE WAGE EARNER IN THE HOME.  
22 AND THE FAMILY HAS TO PICK UP FROM WHERE THEY ARE GOING,  
23 THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, AND CONTINUE TO LIVE LIFE AND  
24 HEAL. SO WE HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING SO THAT WE CAN  
25 DO, REALLY, WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING, WHICH IS LETTING VICTIMS

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1 KNOW AND ASSISTING THEM IN APPLYING FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND  
2 RESTITUTIONS. BUT THE SECOND HALF OF OUR ASK IS THAT SOMETHING  
3 I'VE HIGHLIGHTED BEFORE. WHEN A.B.109 WAS PASSED, THERE WAS A  
4 GAP IN THE LAW THAT SIMPLY DID NOT PERMIT US TO COLLECT  
5 RESTITUTION FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE SERVING THEIR STATE PRISON  
6 TIME LOCALLY. WE HAVE SINCE GONE TO SACRAMENTO AND GOT MUCH  
7 NEEDED CHANGES SO THAT THAT CAN NOW HAPPEN. BUT NOW THE COUNTY  
8 HAS TO IMPLEMENT A VEHICLE FOR DOING THAT. AND OUR REPORT  
9 SUGGESTS THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. THE SHERIFF HAS AGREED THAT  
10 IF PEOPLE ARE IN CUSTODY, THEY CAN COLLECT RESTITUTION FROM  
11 THEM. BUT WE ALSO THINK THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD  
12 BE THE ONE COLLECTING RESTITUTION IF THE PEOPLE ARE ON THE  
13 OUTSIDE OR RELEASED ON SPLIT SENTENCING OR UNDER THE P.R.C.S.  
14 SO WE HAVE, I THINK, A VERY COMMON SENSE PROPOSAL FOR THAT.  
15 AND I KNOW THERE WAS SOME CONCERN ABOUT US COLLECTING 50  
16 PERCENT OF WHATEVER WAS ON THE INMATE'S BOOK OR RESTITUTION.  
17 WE THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS.  
18 THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST OPPORTUNITY THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
19 COLLECT RESTITUTION IS WHILE A PERSON IS IN JAIL OR PRISON.  
20 AND WHAT WE'RE SAYING -- AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE ONCE PEOPLE  
21 ARE RELEASED, IT'S HARD FOR THE VICTIMS TO FIND THE DEFENDANT.  
22 THEY MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO WHERE THEY'RE LIVING, WHERE  
23 THEY'RE WORKING. AND SO OUR POSITION, QUITE FRANKLY, IS THAT  
24 THEY ARE ENTITLED TO BE MADE WHOLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. AND  
25 THIS IS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO COLLECT RESTITUTION

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1 OR BEST OPPORTUNITY AND TIME FOR THEM TO COLLECT RESTITUTION.  
2 I HAVE MS. BOWDEN AND MS. WILLS HERE TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER  
3 DETAILED QUESTIONS. BUT THAT'S BASICALLY OUR PROPOSAL IN FIVE  
4 MINUTES OR LESS, THAT VICTIMS OF CRIME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5 ARE ENTITLED TO SERVICES AND THEIR RIGHTS. AND THIS IS THE  
6 BEST PLAN THAT WE HAVE FOR MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY WHO IS A  
7 VICTIM OF CRIME IS ACTUALLY MADE WHOLE. WHILE WE SERVED 20,000  
8 VICTIMS LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ACTUALLY 45,000 VICTIMS OF  
9 VIOLENT CRIME. AND SO THAT MEANS THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF  
10 VICTIMS WE DID NOT SERVE BUT COULD HAVE SERVED HAD THEY ONLY  
11 KNOWN THAT WE EXIST AS A RESOURCE. AND SO WHAT WE'RE ASKING  
12 FOR, WHAT WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGES IN  
13 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WE TALK ABOUT DIVERSION, I THINK  
14 IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO GET OUR BASIC FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES RIGHT.  
15 AND CERTAINLY COLLECTING ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS OF CRIME FALLS  
16 SQUARELY WITHIN OUR MISSION. SO I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
17 PRESENT. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'LL TAKE THEM.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ISSUE OF THE STATE STANDARD IS 50  
20 PERCENT. AND WHEN THAT STATE STANDARD IS NOT MET, WHO IS  
21 LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT IMPOSING THAT OR GETTING THAT 50  
22 PERCENT STANDARD? IS IT THE COUNTIES OR LET'S SAY THE VICTIM,  
23 WHAT IS THEIR LEGAL REDRESS? IS IT TO SUE THE STATE OR IS IT  
24 TO SUE THE COUNTY WHERE THIS IS OCCURRING?

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1    **LYDIA BOWDEN:** MY NAME IS LYDIA BOWDEN. IT DEPENDS ON WHERE THE  
2    INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CONVICTED IS INCARCERATED. IF YOU'RE IN  
3    STATE PRISON, ALL STATE PRISONERS HAVE AN INMATE WAGE AND  
4    TRUST ACCOUNT. AND THERE IS A 50 PERCENT COLLECTION LEVEL WHEN  
5    YOU ARE IN THE STATE PRISON WHEREIN 50 PERCENT OF ALL  
6    DEPOSITED MONIES ARE TAKEN AND THEN PAID IN RESTITUTION TO THE  
7    VICTIM. PENAL CODE SECTION 208.5.5 COVERS BOTH STATE PRISONS  
8    AND COUNTIES SO NOW BECAUSE OF THE GAP THAT WAS CREATED BY  
9    A.B. 109, WE HAVE THE ABILITY IN THIS COUNTY TO COLLECT UP TO  
10   50 PERCENT MADE INTO AN INMATE WAGE AND TRUST ACCOUNT. SO BOTH  
11   THE STATE AND THE COUNTY MAY ENFORCE A 50 PERCENT LEVEL.

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WHEN YOU HAVE 20,000 CRIME  
14   VICTIMS THAT WE ARE SERVING AND THERE ARE 45,000 AS YOU  
15   MENTION, IT'S A HUGE DISSERVICE THAT WE'RE NOT AIDING ALL OF  
16   THOSE. BECAUSE IN YOUR REPORT YOU POINT OUT THAT THE COSTS  
17   THAT ARE THE VICTIMS FACED WITH, THE IMPOUNDMENT OF THEIR  
18   AUTOMOBILE, FOOD, BURIAL EXPENSES, FUNERAL, YOU HAVE OTHER  
19   NEEDS AND EXPENSES, AND THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO FOR  
20   RESOURCES. AND, YET, WE'RE OBLIGATED TO BE HELPING THEM. AND  
21   WE NEED TO BE CUTTING THE RED TAPE AND BEING THE FIRST ONE AT  
22   THE DOOR INSTEAD OF NOT ANSWERING THE PHONE WHEN THEY CALL.  
23   YOU TALK ABOUT LESS THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE ARE BEING SERVED.  
24   AND THIS IS A FURTHER ASSAULT ON A VICTIM THAT THEY'RE FACED  
25   WITH.

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2 **LYDIA BOWDEN:** IF I MAY, AND I THINK WHAT YOU SAY IS SO TRUE. I  
3 CAN TELL YOU THAT IN THE UNIT THAT I RUN, WE GET MORE THAN 20  
4 CALLS A DAY FROM VICTIMS ASKING US ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
5 ON POST-RELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION WHO ARE IN COUNTY JAIL  
6 OR WHO ARE ON COMMUNITY MANDATORY SUPERVISION. AND THE  
7 QUESTION IS: "I'VE BEEN HARMED. I'D LIKE TO COLLECT MY  
8 RESTITUTION." CURRENTLY THE ANSWER THAT WE ARE GIVING THEM IS:  
9 "WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU BUT WE HAVE NO WAY TO ASSIST YOU AT  
10 THIS TIME. BUT WHEN THEY GET OUT OF JAIL OR WHEN THEY GET OFF  
11 SUPERVISION, YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO INTO A CIVIL COURT OF  
12 LAW AND CIVILLY ENFORCE." OF COURSE FOR THE AVERAGE PERSON, TO  
13 GO INTO COURT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** EXPENSIVE.

16

17 **LYDIA BOWDEN:** IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. IT'S EXPENSIVE AND THEY  
18 HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M GOING TO PUT A MOTION ON THE TABLE  
21 AND THEN HAVE OTHER COMMENTS. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
22 SUPPORT THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
23 DIRECTING THE INTERIM C.E.O. TO ALLOCATE ONE MILLION ONE  
24 HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE DISTRICT  
25 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO FUND 10 VICTIMS' SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES

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1 AT A COST OF \$719,000 AND FIVE PARALEGALS FOR VICTIM  
2 RESTITUTION AT A COST OF \$439,000. WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS WELL OTHER RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO  
4 REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE OTHER EXISTING GAPS IMPACTING VICTIMS  
5 AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS INCLUDING  
6 THE THREE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS REQUESTED BY THE D.A. FOR  
7 DIRECT VICTIMS SERVICES AND THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING  
8 UNCLAIMED VICTIM RESTITUTION AS PROVIDED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE  
9 SECTION 500.50. FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE DISTRICT  
10 ATTORNEY'S SIX RECOMMENDATIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE VICTIMS  
11 RESTITUTION AS FOLLOWS: DESIGNATING L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
12 DEPARTMENT AS AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT VICTIM RESTITUTION  
13 FROM INMATES HOUSED IN COUNTY JAIL PURSUANT TO P.C. 1170-H  
14 SENTENCE. REQUEST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT THE  
15 MAXIMUM 50 PERCENT ALLOWED FROM DEPOSITS MADE TO THE INMATE  
16 TRUST FUND WHEN THE INMATE HAS AN OUTSTANDING RESTITUTION  
17 ORDER PURSUANT TO PENAL CODE 1170-H SENTENCE AND IMPOSE AN  
18 ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF ANY AMOUNTS COLLECTED TO SUPPORT  
19 COLLECTION PROCESSES. DESIGNATING THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AS  
20 AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT RESTITUTION INCLUDING 10 PERCENT  
21 AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 2 ABOVE FROM BOTH THE P.R.C.S. POPULATION  
22 AND OFFENDERS ON MANDATORY SUPERVISION FOLLOWING THEIR RELEASE  
23 FROM COUNTY JAIL ON PENAL CODE 1170-H SPLIT SENTENCE.  
24 DESIGNATE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS THE AGENCY  
25 AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN COURT ORDER FINES AND RESTITUTIONS ON



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1 BEHALF OF CRIME VICTIMS AND TO UTILIZE AND EXPAND TO INITIATE  
2 DIGITAL RECORD THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMITTED TO THE  
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THROUGH CARS  
4 IN A CENTRALIZED COUNTY RESTITUTION SYSTEM TO COLLECT FROM  
5 CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS EXPANDING TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR'S ROLE  
6 TO SUPPORT COLLECTION AND RESTITUTION FROM ALL OF A.B.109  
7 REALIGNED POPULATION UTILIZING THE CARS OR SUCCESSOR SYSTEM AS  
8 THE CENTRALIZED COUNTY RESTITUTION SYSTEM AND DIRECTING  
9 C.C.J.C.C. AND THE RESTITUTION TASK FORCE TO REPORT BACK IN 60  
10 DAYS WITH THE STATUS OF THE RESTITUTION COLLECTION PLAN  
11 DISCUSSED IN THE D.A.'S REPORT INCLUDING SYSTEMS, ISSUES AND  
12 RESOURCES. WHEN WE SAY 90 DAYS OR 60 DAYS, IF THE DEPARTMENTS  
13 CAN DO IT FASTER, THEN DO IT FASTER BECAUSE ACTION IS NEEDED,  
14 NOT MORE DELAYS. SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION I WOULD PUT ON  
15 THE TABLE. SECOND BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR  
16 KUEHL? WE'RE ON S-1. NO. I JUST PUT IT ON THE TABLE. WE HAVE  
17 PUBLIC COMMENT, AS WELL. SO ASK THESE PEOPLE QUESTIONS.  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'LL WAIT UNTI AFTER COMMENT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO THIS WHOLE DIVERSION ISSUE,  
25 JACKIE, THIS CLEARLY WAS A JAIL REDUCTION PLAN, CORRECT?

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2 **JACKIE LACEY:** I HADN'T PRESENTED ON THIS. I WASN'T GIVING THAT  
3 REPORT ON THE VICTIMS SERVICES.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS ON VICTIMS SERVICES RIGHT NOW.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME CALL UP THEN THE PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT. THANK YOU. FATHER GEORGE HORAN, SHEILA PINKLE. JOSEPH  
9 MAIZLISH. BERNICE GONZALEZ. GOOD MORNING.

10

11 **FATHER GEORGE HORAN:** GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M  
12 GEORGE HORAN. I'VE BEEN A CHAPLAIN IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL FOR  
13 THE LAST 28 YEARS AND THE CODIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
14 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES WHERE  
15 WE HAVE WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE. CURRENTLY  
16 I AM THE BOARD CHAIR OF A NEW NONPROFIT THAT HAS BEEN SET UP  
17 JUST TO WORK TOWARD HEALING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED  
18 BY HOMICIDE. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THIS ON YOUR AGENDA AND  
19 TO READ THE REPORTS THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS BROUGHT IN  
20 AND WAS VERY HAPPY TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT YOU REALLY WANT TO  
21 SEEK TO HELP PEOPLE BECOME WHOLE AGAIN. AND I THINK THAT THIS  
22 IS A GREAT STEP. BUT I BELIEVE IT NEEDS TO GO MUCH, MUCH  
23 FARTHER THAN THIS. WE DID WITH LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL OUR OFFICE  
24 DID A VICTIMS RIGHTS CONFERENCE A FEW YEARS BACK AND WE HAD  
25 PEOPLE COME IN FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WHO HAD TALKED

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1 ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS. WE HAD HOMICIDE DETECTIVE, A  
2 PROSECUTOR, A JUDGE, A DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND A VICTIM ADVOCATE.  
3 THEY TALKED ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS WERE AT EVERY STEP  
4 OF THIS PROCESS. BUT THEN WE HAD FOUR VICTIMS COME AND TALKED  
5 ABOUT HOW THEY FELT REVICTIMIZED BY THE SYSTEM. AND I REALLY  
6 THINK WE NEED TO LOOK HOW WE CAN RESPECT THESE PEOPLE MORE  
7 THAN JUST FINANCIALLY, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. BUT TO DO MORE  
8 THAN THAT SO THAT THEY'RE NOT AGAIN REVICTIMIZED BY THE  
9 SYSTEM, BY SOME WHO WERE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR VICTIM  
10 IMPACT STATEMENTS, EVEN THOUGH THAT'S A RIGHT THAT THEY HAVE.  
11 AND THERE'S NO WAY TO REDRESS THESE ISSUES AFTERWARDS BECAUSE  
12 THERE'S NOTHING THAT SAYS THAT ANYONE IS PUNISHED IF THEY'RE  
13 NOT ALLOWED TO DO WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE. SO I REALLY THINK  
14 THAT WE NEED TO RESPECT EACH INDIVIDUAL FOR WHAT THEY NEED FOR  
15 THEIR OWN HEALING PROCESS AND TRY TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO  
16 HELP THEM SO THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE REVICTIMIZING THEM BY  
17 THE PROCESS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I HAD SOME QUESTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HE'S SOMEONE THAT I HAD ASKED TO COME AND  
24 SPEAK. AND I WANTED TO, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR COMING AND  
25 SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS. AND I JUST WONDERED AS YOU REVIEWED THE

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1 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHERE DO YOU THINK WE CAN PUT PERHAPS  
2 EMPHASIS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THROUGH YOUR WORK WHERE PERHAPS  
3 THERE IS A GAP?

4

5 **FATHER GEROGE HORAN:** I THINK FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I  
6 READ, THAT MOST OF THEM HAD TO DO WITH FINANCIAL, WHICH IS  
7 VERY, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE BETTER  
8 EDUCATION FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
9 SYSTEM ON HOW TO DEAL WITH VICTIMS AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM  
10 IN A WAY THAT'S NOT GOING TO RE-OFFEND THEM. I BELIEVE THAT  
11 THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO, TO LOOK AT THE RIGHTS THAT  
12 THEY DO HAVE AND TO HELP MAKE SURE THOSE ARE TAKEN CARE OF. I  
13 WILL LEAVE HERE SIX COPIES OF THE REPORT THAT CAME FROM OUR  
14 VICTIMS RIGHTS CONFERENCE, ONE FOR EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS AND  
15 ONE FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. I THINK PART OF IT IS  
16 EDUCATION. BUT THE OTHER IS JUST LISTENING TO THE FOLKS. ONE  
17 OF THE THINGS THAT ONE OF THE COUPLES TOLD US IS THEIR SON WHO  
18 WAS MURDERED, PART OF THE THING FOR THEM TO GET ANY KIND OF  
19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS THEY HAD TO AGREE TO HELP WITH  
20 APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION OF THE PERSON THAT DID THIS. THEY  
21 WERE SCARED TO DEATH BECAUSE THESE WERE GANG MEMBERS. SO THEY  
22 REFUSED. THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT TESTIFY IF IT CAME TO THAT.  
23 AND SO THEY WERE NOT GIVEN ANY KIND OF FINANCIAL HELP WITH THE  
24 FUNERAL. I THINK THINGS LIKE THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT TO MAKE  
25 SURE THAT WE AGAIN, NOW THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE LOST THEIR SON

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1 AND THEN LOST THE ASSISTANCE THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEM AS  
2 VICTIMS BECAUSE PART OF IT IS THAT YOU HAVE TO TAKE PART IN  
3 THE APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION IN WHATEVER WAY THEY WOULD  
4 ASK YOU TO DO THAT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO ADD  
7 SOMETHING. AND I WANT TO COMMEND OUR D.A. FOR THE WORK THAT  
8 SHE'S DONE IN THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S  
9 TREMENDOUS. BUT IN THE SHORT TIME THAT I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE,  
10 I'VE HAD A NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN  
11 VICTIMS OF CRIME AND HAD THEM CALLING US FOR ASSISTANCE. SO I  
12 KNOW THAT THERE IS A GAP. AND I SUPPORT THE MOTION, THE PART  
13 THAT SAID THAT WE NEED MORE STAFFING. AND I ACTUALLY WOULD  
14 WANT TO REQUEST MORE. BECAUSE IN LOOKING AT THE INFORMATION  
15 THAT I RECEIVED, MY AREA DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AS COVERED. AND  
16 I'M FINDING THAT THERE IS A GAP IN TERMS OF THE EAST L.A. SAN  
17 GABRIEL VALLEY. AND WHAT CONCERNS ME MOST IS THAT WE HAVE A  
18 HIGH IMMIGRANT POPULATION THAT'S VICTIMIZED. AND HAVING  
19 APPROPRIATE STAFF, INTERPRETERS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, ALL OF THAT  
20 THAT CAN HELP PROVIDE A LARGER SAFETY NET FOR THEM. WE'VE HAD  
21 A NUMBER OF FATALITIES SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE WHERE PEOPLE HAVE  
22 ACTUALLY CALLED AND WE'VE REFERRED THEM TO YOUR OFFICE. THANK  
23 GOODNESS FOR THAT. BUT I JUST THINK THAT THERE DOES HAVE TO BE  
24 A BIT MORE OF A BRIDGE AND MORE FEET ON THE GROUND. SO I WOULD  
25 WANT TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT ON YOUR MOTION ON THAT PORTION TO

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1 ACTUALLY ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERSON FOR THE EAST L.A. SAN  
2 GABRIEL VALLEY BECAUSE WE HAVE A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF CRIME  
3 THAT I'VE SEEN IN THE SHORT TIME THAT I'VE BEEN THERE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, YES.

6

7 **JACKIE LACEY:** I ALSO JUST WANT TO RESPOND TO THE MEMBER OF THE  
8 CLERGY. IF PEOPLE THINK THAT THEY HAVE TO COOPERATE IN ORDER  
9 TO GET SERVICES, THAT'S ACTUALLY A MIS- PERCEPTION. MANY OF  
10 THE VICTIMS THAT WE HELP ARE IN UNSOLVED CASES THAT MAY NEVER  
11 BE SOLVED. SO I AGREE WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF EDUCATING  
12 PEOPLE. AND MAYBE WE NEED MORE BILINGUAL VICTIMS SERVICE  
13 REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAN EXPLAIN THE PROCESS BETTER. BUT I KNOW  
14 THAT IF THAT FAMILY WAS TREATED THAT WAY, I WOULD INVITE THEM  
15 TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AGAIN. OUR NUMBERS ARE ON THE WEBSITE.  
16 CERTAINLY WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO HELP THEM. BUT IT HIGHLIGHTS AN  
17 EXAMPLE THAT IF WE HAD MORE PEOPLE IN THE FIELD TO CONTACT,  
18 THEN PERHAPS THE INFORMATION COULD BE BETTER IMPARTED AND WE  
19 COULD HELP A LOT MORE PEOPLE. CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
20 WE'LL TAKE MORE STAFF. THAT WILL ACTUALLY HELP US DO A BETTER  
21 JOB. WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE MINIMUM AMOUNT WE COULD  
22 ASK FOR IN ORDER TO REALLY EXPAND OUR SERVICES IN THIS AREA.  
23 WE HAVEN'T ASKED FOR A LONG TIME FOR ANY KIND OF ASSISTANCE  
24 WITH VICTIMS. BUT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THERE IS A

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1 MISPERCEPTION THAT VICTIMS CAN AFFORD THE COST OF CRIME. AND  
2 NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR? ALL RIGHT. LET ME CALL UP  
5 OUR SPEAKERS THAT WE DID. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **SHEILA PINKEL:** MY NAME IS SHEILA PINKLE WITH CURB IN L.A., NO  
8 MORE JAILS. THE FAMILIES IN POOR AND NON-WHITE COMMUNITIES ARE  
9 ALSO VICTIMS OF CRIME. THE CRIME OF THEIR LOVED ONES BEING  
10 INCARCERATED AT THEIR EXPENSE. THE RESULTS OF INCARCERATION IS  
11 A DEGRADATION OF THE FAMILY STRUCTURE AND A PERPETRATION OF A  
12 SENSE OF HOPELESSNESS. IF THERE'S GOING TO BE RESTITUTION  
13 ENHANCEMENT, THEN THE FAMILIES OF ARRAIGNED AND INCARCERATED  
14 NEED TO BE INCLUDED, AS WELL. HOWEVER, I ACTUALLY THINK THAT  
15 IT'S A LARGER SOCIETAL PROBLEM. IT'S AN ECONOMIC PROBLEM. AND  
16 IT WON'T BE SOLVED IN THIS WAY. IT WILL ONLY BE SOLVED WHEN  
17 THERE IS GREATER ECONOMIC PARITY IN THE CULTURE SO THAT CRIME  
18 WILL BE REDUCED AND THERE WILL BE A REDUCTION OF VICTIMS, AS  
19 WELL. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEPHON  
22 BECKHAM. ARNOLD SACHS.

23

24 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH.  
25 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND CERTIFIED TRAUMA SPECIALIST



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1 WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF TRAUMATIC STRESS STUDIES. I HAVE  
2 SERVED WITH SEVERAL COUNTY DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER AND  
3 INCLUDES A FEW DAYS AGO WITH THE D.A.S ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
4 STATE VICTIMS OF CRIME PROGRAM. I WANT TO SUPPORT, MAYOR  
5 ANTONOVICH, YOUR REMARK ABOUT THE URGENCY OF GETTING HELP TO  
6 PEOPLE. AND I WANT TO SUGGEST AN EXPANSION OF THIS PROGRAM'S  
7 IMMEDIATE SERVICES TO PEOPLE. I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF A  
8 PERSON WHO'S BEEN A VICTIM OF AN ACT OF SOMEONE ELSE HAVING TO  
9 WAIT UPON THAT OTHER PERSON'S RESOURCES IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM  
10 SOME DEGREE OF RESTITUTION. AND SO I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO  
11 SUGGEST, ASK THE STATE FOR HELP IF THIS IS NECESSARY TO HAVE  
12 THE RESTITUTION AMOUNT FIGURED OUT AND PROVIDED TO THE PEOPLE  
13 QUICKLY BY THE JURISDICTIONS WHO ARE THEN IN A BETTER POSITION  
14 TO DO THE COLLECTIONS OVER WHATEVER PERIOD OF YEARS WHAT IT  
15 MAY TAKE. WHAT VICTIMS NEED RIGHT AWAY IS SOME HELP AND  
16 RECOVERY FROM THAT SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS. SHORT-TERM,  
17 SOMETIMES LONG-TERM SENSE OF HOPELESSNESS. ESPECIALLY IF IT'S  
18 LOSS OF LIFE OF A FAMILY MEMBER. THAT'S ONE AREA OF URGENCY.  
19 ANOTHER AREA IS I UNDERSTAND THERE'S AN EXCLUSION FROM  
20 RESTITUTION HELP FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD OR FAMILIES WHO HAVE  
21 HAD GANG ASSOCIATIONS, THINGS LIKE THAT. LET'S NOT DOUBLE THE  
22 DISCRIMINATION ON THESE PEOPLE. OF COURSE WE WANT TO BE  
23 CAUTIOUS ABOUT HOW MUCH RESTITUTION A PERSON OUGHT TO BE  
24 GETTING. BUT I THINK THAT SHOULD BE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION  
25 BASED ON ANYTHING AT ALL OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE

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1   SUFFERED A LOSS, PERHAPS THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE. THOSE TWO  
2   AMENDMENTS I'D LIKE TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM THAT I'M GLAD TO SEE  
3   BEING GIVEN ATTENTION.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, JOSEPH. LET ME ALSO -- KIM  
6   MCGILL? YES, SIR.

7

8   **STEPHON BECKAM:** MY NAME'S STEPHON BECKAM AND I AM A VICTIM.  
9   I'VE BEEN A VICTIM THREE TIMES. I HAD SMOKE BOMBS THROWN INTO  
10   MY GAS DRYER WITH ME AND MY KIDS IN THE HOME. NO POLICE CAME  
11   TO MY HOUSE. I HAD HAD SOMEBODY COME INTO MY HOME, KNOCK OUT  
12   GLASS IN MY HOME, THE POLICE COME AND TRY TO ARREST ME BECAUSE  
13   IT WAS MY WORD AGAINST THEIR WORD BUT GLASS IS LAYING ALL ON  
14   THE FLOOR NEXT TO MY KIDS, ON MY COUCH. THEY WROTE IT UP AS A  
15   VANDALISM. I TRIED TO GO TO GO GET VICTIM'S HELP. THEY REFUSED  
16   TO HELP ME. I HAD BEEN ASSAULTED IN FRONT OF MY KIDS BY FIVE  
17   PEOPLE. I HAD TO COME OUT OF MY HOUSE BECAUSE THEY TALKING  
18   ABOUT THEY ARE GOING TO HIT MY KIDS AND ASSAULT MY BABIES. I  
19   WENT DOWN TO THE CRENSHAW OFFICE AND THEY REFUSED TO HELP ME.  
20   THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T HAVE NOBODY THERE. THIS PLACE ASKED ME  
21   TO GET THE REPORTS. I GO TO THE POLICE STATION ON 77TH AND THE  
22   POLICE STATION SAID THEY AIN'T GOING TO GIVE ME THE POLICE  
23   REPORTS. I NEED TO GET THE VICTIMS UNIT PEOPLE TO HELP ME. BUT  
24   THEY WON'T HELP ME. SO HOW DO YOU GET YOUR HELP? I DONE WENT  
25   EVERYWHERE TO GET THE HELP. AND THEN MY CHILD, I WOULDN'T EVEN

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1 BE IN THE HOME FOR MY CHILD TO BE FLIPPING ON A BED TO BREAK  
2 HIS LEG. AND I STILL AIN'T GOT NO HELP. AND THEN I GET  
3 VICTIMIZED BY THE COUNTY? AND I STILL DON'T GET NO HELP? WHAT  
4 VICTIM HELP IS YOU TALKING ABOUT HERE IN THE CITY? BECAUSE I  
5 AIN'T GOT NO HELP. FROM NO ONE. SO WHAT HELP IS IT HERE? AND  
6 THIS IS DOCUMENTATION. THIS AIN'T NO FABRICATION STORY. THIS  
7 HAPPENED.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I  
10 GLANCED THROUGH THIS REPORT. IT ACTUALLY BOGGLES THE MIND. 9  
11 EMPLOYEES FOR 40,000 VICTIMS IS WHAT YOUR GRAPH SHOWS SO  
12 YOU'RE GOING TO INCREASE IT BY FIVE MORE EMPLOYEES. THEN THERE  
13 WAS A PART IN HERE WHERE THE STATE GETS UNCLAIMED FUNDS IF THE  
14 VICTIMS DON'T -- FIND OUT ABOUT THAT REIMBURSEMENT. HOW MUCH  
15 MONEY HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE STATE? THEN THERE'S A PART THAT  
16 SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT THE MEAL COSTS AND THE REIMBURSEMENT  
17 COSTS FOR TRAVEL. WELL THERE'S A PUBLIC MEAL COST AND THERE'S  
18 A COUNTY MEAL COST AND THERE'S THE SAME CATEGORIES FOR THE  
19 PUBLIC AND THE COUNTY. AND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES GET LIKE 3 OR  
20 4 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE PUBLIC GETS. DOES THE  
21 COUNTY EMPLOYEES DO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES ALSO GET PAID FOR THE  
22 TIME THEY'RE TRAVELING? I'M THINKING ARE THESE NUMBERS  
23 TRENDING UP OR ARE THEY TRENDING DOWN? WHERE IS THE TREND  
24 HERE? BECAUSE WE HEARD EARLIER MISS SOLIS GET BENT OUT OF  
25 SHAPE OVER TWO DEATHS AT A RAVE. YOU GOT 40,000 VICTIMS LAST

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1 YEAR OR WHEN THIS REPORT IS MADE. WHAT WAS IT THE YEAR BEFORE  
2 AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT? WHERE IS THE TREND? WHERE IS THE  
3 LEADERSHIP? WHO IS STEPPING UP COURT COSTS? THEY'RE CUTTING  
4 COURTS IN THE STATE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THAT? YOU'RE  
5 STILL PAYING THE JUDGES 20 MILLION ON TOP OF THEIR SALARIES.  
6 THAT COMES DOWN TO \$50 GRAND EACH. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE SOME OF  
7 THAT MONEY AND GIVE IT TO THE VICTIMS? WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT?  
8 THAT'S BEEN REPORTED A FEW TIMES.

9

10 **KIM MCGILL:** MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
11 COALITION. WE WANT TO EXTEND TWO RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
12 VICTIM SERVICES. WHILE WE DON'T THINK THOSE FUNDS COME  
13 DIRECTLY FROM RESTITUTION, WE'RE NOT SURE HOW THAT FORMULA IS  
14 CREATED. WE WANT TO EXTEND IT TO ALL VICTIMS' SERVICES IN  
15 COUNTY. ONE IS THAT JOE ALSO MENTIONED THAT WE'VE HAD A NUMBER  
16 OF YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED  
17 AGAINST IN TERMS OF ACCESSING VICTIMS ASSESSING BECAUSE THEY  
18 OR THEIR VICTIM THEIR LOVED ONE IS ALLEGEDLY GANG INVOLVED.  
19 THIS INCLUDES PEOPLE THAT ARE JUST AFFILIATED OR ASSOCIATED IN  
20 A VERY SMALL WAY. THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO CHANGE BUT WE STILL  
21 FIND THAT MANY FAMILIES ARE DENIED AND THEY DON'T KNOW THEY  
22 HAVE THE ABILITY TO ARGUE IT, WE HAVE TO ARGUE IT FOR THEM OR  
23 THEY DON'T GET THOSE RESOURCES. SO THESE ARE FAMILIES THAT  
24 CAN'T BURY THEIR LOVED ONES WITHOUT GREAT HARDSHIP. CAN'T GET  
25 EVEN ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. SO FOR ANNA MUNEZ,

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1 KRIS CARTER, LANARD BAKER, JEREMY BERREL, JUST FOUR OF THE  
2 YOUNG PEOPLE WE INTERVENED DIRECTLY WITH THE DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO GET BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR FAMILIES,  
4 I URGE YOU TO LIFT THAT DISCRIMINATION THAT POLICY AND ANY  
5 REMNANT OF THAT POLICY THAT MAY STILL EXIST. THE SECOND IS FOR  
6 THE 633 FAMILIES IN L.A. COUNTY WHO BURIED LOVED ONES DUE TO  
7 POLICE USE OF FORCE SINCE 2000, HIGHEST IN THE NATION.  
8 JONATHAN CUEVAS WAS ONE EXAMPLE 18 YEARS OLD IN 2010 WHEN HE  
9 WAS COMING HOME LATE AT NIGHT WAS STOPPED BY THE SHERIFF  
10 DEPUTY JOVE IN LYNWOOD. RAN BECAUSE HIS FAMILY FEELS THAT HE  
11 WAS PROBABLY FEARFUL OF HAVING A PROBATION VIOLATION. HE WAS  
12 UNARMED. HE RAN. THE DEPUTY SHOT HIM IN THE BACK AND AS HE  
13 APPROACHED HIM SHOT HIM IN THE FRONT AT CLOSE RANGE. HIS  
14 FAMILY EVENTUALLY GOT A SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT WAS LONG AFTER  
15 THE PARENTS ALREADY HAD TO HANDLE A \$60,000 BILL FROM THE  
16 HOSPITAL, BURIAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES. AND THE SETTLEMENT GOES  
17 TO HIS CHILD, NOT TO HIS FAMILY. SO HIS FAMILY IS STILL  
18 STRUGGLING TO MAKE THAT PAYMENT. WE WORKED AT THIS POINT WITH  
19 DOZENS OF FAMILY WHO HAVE SIMILARLY BEEN VICTIMS OF LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT USE OF FORCE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE URGE THE COUNTY TO  
21 SET UP A SEPARATE VICTIMS COMPENSATION SO THAT THOSE FAMILIES  
22 DON'T HAVE ADDED SUFFERING TO THEIR ALREADY HUGE UNDUE BURDEN.  
23 THANK YOU.  
24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO THE ANTELOPE  
2    VALLEY NOW. MICHAEL JENKINS, DIANA BEARD AND NICOLE PARSON.

3

4    **MICHAEL JENKINS:** HELLO, THIS IS MICHAEL JENKINS. AND I JUST  
5    WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT WHAT MISS LACEY WAS SAYING ABOUT  
6    VICTIMS. EVERYBODY'S FORGETTING ABOUT THE INMATES THAT ARE  
7    VICTIMS, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, THE INMATES ARE VICTIMS, AS WELL.  
8    WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN THEY COME OUT? THEY  
9    DON'T HAVE NO REHABILITATION IN THE SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM, THIS  
10   IS A PLANTATION OUT HERE, MIKE. YOU KNOW THAT. THIS IS A  
11   PLANTATION. WE HAVE AN ANIMAL SHELTER A MILE AWAY FROM THE  
12   PRISON. WHAT IS THAT? PEOPLE INMATES ARE LOCKED UP JUST LIKE  
13   THE ANIMALS ARE IN THERE, OKAY? THERE IS NO REAL  
14   REHABILITATION. WHEN THEY COME OUT, WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO LOOK  
15   FORWARD TO? THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE CRIME. YOU SEE PEOPLE  
16   THAT ARE HERE THAT ARE HOMELESS. PEOPLE ENDING UP BEGGING.  
17   MIKE, YOU'VE BEEN OUT HERE. YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE STREETS ON  
18   AVENUE K, ON AVENUE J. YOU SEE HOW THEY WILL BE STANDING ON  
19   THE FREEWAY BEGGING AND STUFF LIKE THAT. COME ON, MIKE, YOU  
20   GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. NOT ONLY FOR THE VICTIMS BUT  
21   THE INMATES ARE VICTIMS, AS WELL. YOU TAKE RESTITUTION FROM  
22   THEM, GIVING IT TO OTHER PEOPLE, BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY  
23   COME OUT? WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM? WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OTHER.  
24   COME ON, MIKE. GET WITH THIS. GET WITH THIS, COUNCIL. DO  
25   SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. FIX THE SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN.

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1 YOU GOT THE COURTHOUSE OUT HERE, MIKE. YOU KNOW WHAT THE  
2 COURTHOUSE IS LIKE. I TOLD YOU THAT MONTHS AGO. WHAT THESE  
3 JUDGES ARE LIKE OUT HERE. THIS IS A PLANTATION. THE JUDGES  
4 WERE OUT THERE LAUGHING AT ME WHEN I WAS TRYING TO TALK UP FOR  
5 MY DAUGHTER A FEW MONTHS AGO. YOU SAID YOURSELF, MIKE, THAT  
6 YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. YOU DIDN'T. WE HAVE TO START  
7 FROM WHERE YOU ARE AND WORK OUR WAY. YOU ARE THE SYSTEM. YOU  
8 ARE THE ONE THAT CAN MAKE AND BREAK THE RULES, OKAY. WE'RE NOT  
9 TALKING ABOUT BREAKING RULES. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING  
10 ABOUT, MIKE, WE NEED SOMETHING DONE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. JENKINS. MS. BEARD-  
13 WILLIAMS?

14

15 **DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS DIANA BEARD  
16 WILLIAMS. I LIKED WHAT MISS LACEY SAID WHEN SHE USED THE WORD  
17 "MAKE WHOLE." I AM SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED DEATH. MY 19-  
18 YEAR-OLD NEPHEW WAS MURDERED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1987, SHOT IN THE  
19 HEAD BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME. WAS  
20 NOT A GANG MEMBER. AND HE DIED ON THE STREET. I DID NOT SEEK  
21 RESTITUTION. I DID NOT GET INVOLVED IN IT BEYOND BURYING HIM  
22 AND TRYING TO GO ON WITH MY LIFE BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BRING  
23 HIM BACK TO LIFE. I THINK THAT THE IDEA OF TAKING PART OF THE  
24 MONEY OF WHAT THESE INMATES EARNED IN PRISON AND I CAN SAY AS  
25 A VICTIM IS LUDICROUS. I WOULD RATHER THE INMATES KEEP THE



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1 FUNDS THAT THEY EARN. I WOULD RATHER THEM COME OUT, IF YOU  
2 WERE TRULY REHABILITATING THEM, AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
3 START A LIFE, TO START SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR THEMSELVES. YOU  
4 TAL ABOUT MAKING PEOPLE WHOLE, MISS LACEY. THERE'S ONLY ONE  
5 WAY TO MAKE SOMEBODY WHOLE. YOU MAKE SOMEONE WHOLE, MISS  
6 LACEY, BY GIVING THEM COUNSELING. YOU MAKE SOMEONE WHOLE, MISS  
7 LACEY, BY INSTALLING IN THEM A SENSE OF PEACE THAT THEIR LOVED  
8 ONE IS GONE, MAKING SURE THAT THEY WERE BURIED, MAKING SURE  
9 THAT THEY HAVE PROPERLY BEEN LAID TO REST. TO GIVE SOMEBODY  
10 \$50 OR \$100 FROM AN INMATE'S ACCOUNT MEANS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.  
11 THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE ME WHOLE. THAT'S HOW I GOT HOLD. AND I  
12 HAVE EXPERIENCED DEATH. I HAVE BURRIED A NEPHEW AT 19 YEARS  
13 OLD. SO I THINK THAT YOU NEED TO GO BACK AND RETHINK YOUR  
14 POLICIES AND NOT PUT GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD MONEY. IF YOU WANT  
15 TO SET UP A JOINT FUND, FINE. BUT I THINK TO JUST TAKE MONEY  
16 FROM THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO REHABILITATE THEMSELVES, CREATES  
17 AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. NICOLE PARSON?

20

21 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO. HI. YES. OH, NO. FIRST I'D LIKE TO GIVE  
22 THANKS TO THE GLORY OF THE LORD AND HIS AGENTS AND HIS  
23 PUPPETS, OKAY, MR. ANTONOVICH? SO THIS IS THE BOOK THAT I  
24 FOUND OVER THE WEEKEND BECAUSE I WAS OBSERVING THE SABBATH AND  
25 I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW WHY BUT THEY'RE FORGET-ME-NOTS. THEY WERE

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1 FOUND IN HERE. AND THE REASON WHY I OPPOSED IS BECAUSE THERE'S  
2 ALREADY THAT STUFF. I DIDN'T READ THE REPORT AND I DIDN'T MEAN  
3 TO COME HERE BUT IT'S JUST LIKE THE SAME. IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT.  
4 BUT IT WAS AND SO THIS IS IN THE BOOK AND THIS IS WHAT I WAS  
5 READING ALL WEEKEND. AND IT'S LIKE THE A.B.109 BECAUSE I JUST  
6 WANT TO SAY LIKE IN THE RAINY DAY FUND THAT I WAS A YEAR OUT  
7 OF THE COUNTY. AND SO I WANT TO SAY MR. ANTONOVICH, I WANTED  
8 HOPE TO BE ABOUT THIS BOARD'S BUSINESS IN 10 YEARS BECAUSE IT  
9 IS ABOUT MY BUSINESS. AND THEN ALL THIS. BUT OKAY. SO THIS IS  
10 ABOUT THE RETURN. AND SOMETHINGS RETURN. LIKE PROBATION. THEY  
11 DON'T GET MONEY BACK. BUT THE ENFORCEMENT. HEALTHCARE, THE  
12 MEDICARE HAS TO PAY THE DEDUCTIBLE? BUT THIS IS THE FEDERAL  
13 TAX INCOME. AND DO YOU GUYS NEED AN OFFERING SO I'M GOING TO  
14 PUT A TRADEMARK HOPEFULLY. I'M GOING TO PUT A TRADEMARK ON THE  
15 TRADE SECRET THING ON THE TRANSPORTATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, NICOLE. GOOD TO SEE YOU.  
18 COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
21 TO THOSE WHO SPOKE AND FOR THE PRESENTATION. FOR MYSELF, I  
22 SUPPORT THE FIRST PART OF THE MOTION. BUT I WONDER IF WE MIGHT  
23 CONTINUE THE SECOND PART, THE FURTHER PART OF THE MOTION.  
24 THERE'S A LOT OF TESTIMONY ABOUT THE IMPACT ON PEOPLE TRYING  
25 TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS AND HOW WE GET MONEY IN JAIL. I KNOW IN

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1 STATE PRISON, PRISONERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MONEY AND  
2 THE COUNTY JAIL THEY DON'T. SO IT'S REALLY ALL FAMILY MONEY.  
3 AND I'D KIND OF LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE OTHER RESTITUTION  
4 FUNDS THAT COME FROM COURT FILINGS, ET CETERA? SO I WOULD ASK  
5 TO BIFURCATE THE MOTION.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET US BIFURCATE THE MOTION. MOTION'S  
8 ON THE TABLE. BIFURCATE, NO PROBLEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PART  
9 1?

10

11 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** ON THE FIRST  
12 PART OF THE MOTION, JUST TO CLARIFY, THE SECTION THAT SAYS  
13 ALLOCATE A TOTAL 1.58 MILLION AND THE SECOND RECOMMENDATION  
14 UNDER THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND AS AMENDED.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AS AMENDED.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** AS AMENDED  
21 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

24

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1    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR

2    RIDLEY-THOMAS?

3

4    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

5

6    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR

7    SHEILA KUEHL?

8

9    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

10

11    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR

12    DONE DON KNABE.

13

14    **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

15

16    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR

17    ANTONOVICH?

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE.

20

21    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** ON THE

22    SECOND PART OF THE MOTION SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE THE

23    ITEM-

24

25    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK TO SEPTEMBER 15TH. THERE'S A LOT OF  
3 PEOPLE GOING ON VACTATION ALSO I BELIEVE WE'RE HEARING BACK ON  
4 OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO SOME OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL  
5 JUSTICE ISSUES ON SEPTEMBER 15TH? THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST TO  
6 CONTINUE THAT SECOND PART TO SEPTEMBER 15TH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** BEFORE WE VOTE ON THAT, I JUST WANTED TO ASK  
9 A QUESTION. IF THERE'S A WAY TO FIND OUT IN TERMS OF THE  
10 RESTITUTION, AND I UNDERSTAND THE LEVEL THAT YOU'D LIKE TO  
11 SET, BUT FOR SOME INMATES THAT ARE INDIGENT, IS THERE A WAY  
12 THAT WE CAN KNOW THE DIFFERENCES? OR IS THAT TRACKED IN ANY  
13 MANNER AT ALL?

14

15 **JACKIE LACEY:** I DON'T KNOW. WHEN I COME BACK ON THE 15TH, IF I  
16 HAD SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SUCH AS THIS ONE, WE COULD COME BACK  
17 PREPARED TO ADDRESS THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND I'M CERTAINLY INTERESTED BECAUSE I CAN  
20 SEE WHERE PERHAPS SOME FOLKS ARE ON FIXED INCOMES, THERE'S  
21 NOTHING THERE OR VERY LIMITED. OR PERHAPS THERE MAY BE OTHER  
22 INDIVIDUALS THAT, YES, GETTING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS THAT MAY  
23 NOT BE APPROPRIATE SO I'M JUST TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ON THAT.  
24 AND ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE US BACK, I WOULD LIKE THAT  
25 INCLUDED INFORMATION IF THAT'S POSSIBLE.

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1

2 **JACKIE LACEY:** TO THE DEGREE I CAN ACCESS THAT INFORMATION, I  
3 WILL FIND OUT. AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE IN THE FIRST  
4 PART OF THE MOTION BECAUSE YOU AMENDED IT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
5 SO WHAT NUMBER ARE WE AT SO THAT WE HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT THE  
6 FINAL MOTION IS?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHATEVER POSITION, I BELIEVE.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT THE 10 THAT WAS  
11 REQUESTED, IS THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I MADE AN AMENDMENT TO ADD. THAT WAS  
14 ADOPTED. WHATEVER THAT COST IS.

15

16 **JACKIE LACEY:** CORRECT. I GUESS WHAT I WANT TO BE CLEAR IS HOW  
17 MANY WERE ADDED TO THE 10? OR ARE WE STILL AT 10? AND I KNOW  
18 YOU HAD SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WANT ADDED. I WANT ADDED TO COVER EAST LOS  
21 ANGELES.

22

23 **JACKIE LACEY:** EAST LOS ANGELES AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY,  
24 OKAY.

25

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY.

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS WITH RESPECT TO  
8    THE MATTER TO BE CONTINUED. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE  
9    ARE RESTITUTION FUNDS. AND I WANT STILL IN CONSULTATION WITH  
10   THE D.A. TO EXPLORE THE AMOUNT THAT IS CURRENTLY IN ONE OF THE  
11   FUNDS OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SOME HALF MILLION DOLLARS  
12   PERHAPS A LITTLE LESS BUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT SO THAT WE KNOW  
13   THAT ACCOUNT SUPPOSEDLY WE TALKED ABOUT UNCLAIMED RESTITUTION  
14   FUNDS. PLEASE EXPLORE THE SPECIFICS IN THE PROBATION  
15   DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THAT MAY BE TIED TO THE MOST RECENT AUDIT  
16   THERE THAT COULD BE HELPFUL. SO IF YOU BRING THAT BACK TO BE  
17   PART OF THE CONVERSATION, THAT WOULD BE USEFUL. SECONDLY, THE  
18   BOARD ADOPTED A MOTION ON NOVEMBER THE 5TH OF LAST YEAR THAT  
19   DID MAKE THE REQUEST THAT THE D.A. IDENTIFY VICTIMS' SERVICE  
20   PROGRAMS THAT WOULD MERIT ADDITIONAL STATE GRANT FUNDING AS A  
21   PART OF THE DISCUSSION AROUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROP 47. I  
22   WANT IN THE REPORT THAT TO INCLUDE WHAT SPECIFICALLY CAN BE  
23   DONE IN TERMS OF THE VICTIMS' SERVICE PROGRAM- GRANT FUNDS  
24   ALONG THOSE LINES. MR. MAYOR, YES. AND IT WOULD BE AN  
25   AMENDMENT THAT WOULD COME BACK TO US WHEN THE MATTER IS TO BE



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1 HEARD. I PRESUME IN SEPTEMBER OR WHENEVER THE BOARD ULTS  
2 MATILY DECIDES. THOSE ARE TWO ITEMS I WISH WE COULD TAKE CARE  
3 OF. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, REPORT BACK ON THE  
6 SECOND PART OF MY MOTION AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
7 THOMAS ON SEPTEMBER 15TH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON TO S-2 ON THE REPORT OF MENTAL  
12 HEALTH DIVERSION? WANT TO THANK THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY?

13

14 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SO I  
15 WOULD LIKE TO INVITE UP BILL HODGMAN AND DIRECTOR MARV  
16 SOUTHARD AS WELL AS TRACEY LOPEZ. BILL HODGMAN AND TRACEY  
17 LOPEZ ARE FROM MY OFFICE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

20

21 **JACKIE LACEY:** IF I MAY AGAIN, FIRST I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK  
22 SPECIAL ASSISTANT TRACEY LOPEZ, WHO PUT PEN TO PAPER ALL OF  
23 THE IDEAS THAT WERE COLLECTED IN THE REPORT THROUGHOUT THE  
24 COUNTY AND ALLOWED US TO PUT TOGETHER PROBABLY THE FIRST OF  
25 ITS KIND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON DIVERSION, ON MENTAL HEALTH

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1 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MISS LOPEZ IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY  
2 TALENTED WRITER WHO CAME FROM OUR APPELLATE DEPARTMENT AND AT  
3 A TIME WHEN WE AS BUSY PROFESSIONALS NEEDED SOMEONE TO WRITE  
4 THIS SHE DID A FANTASTIC JOB. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK BILL  
5 HODGMAN, ALSO KNOWN AS MY WING MAN. HE IS THE ASSISTANT D.A.  
6 AND HE HAS DIRECTED MANY ASPECTS OF THIS REPORT. AND ALSO I AM  
7 GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASKFORCE MEMBERS FOR  
8 THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS REPORT. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT,  
9 IF YOU WILL, A COUPLE OF THINGS AT WHICH WE STUDIED THE REPORT  
10 IN MY OFFICE THAT, REALLY BEAR REPEATING. AND I WANT YOU TO  
11 REMEMBER THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH REPORT IS  
12 REALLY A REPORT ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING  
13 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE CRIMINAL  
14 JUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST RECIDIVISM RATES IN THE  
15 COUNTRY. AND IF WE COULD STOP JUST LOOKING AT PEOPLE IN  
16 ISOLATION, ONE CASE AT A TIME, AND LOOK AT THIS SYSTEMATIC  
17 ISSUE AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP THE REVOLVING DOOR OF THOSE  
18 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL COMING IN AND OUT OF SHERIFF MCDONALD'S  
19 JAIL, I BELIEVE OUR COMMUNITY WILL BE SAFER. THESE PEOPLE WILL  
20 COME IN CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT LESS. SO THERE ARE A FEW  
21 NUGGETS WITHIN THE REPORT THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT  
22 FOR THE SUPERVISORS. YOU KNOW, FOR LOWER LEVEL CRIMES AND  
23 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TAKES PLACE OTHER THAN IN THE JAIL. WE  
24 ACTUALLY DO PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY. CONTINUED INCARCERATION  
25 SIMPLY MAY NOT SERVE THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE. THE JAIL

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1 ENVIRONMENT SIMPLY IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF MENTAL  
2 ILLNESS. WE BELIEVE THAT BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE MENTAL  
3 HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, JOB READINESS  
4 TRAINING AS WELL AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WHEN IT IS  
5 NEEDED, THE MENTALLY ILL ARE STABILIZED AND LESS LIKELY TO  
6 COMMIT FUTURE CRIMES. MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION IS NOT A JAIL  
7 REDUCTION PLAN. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT FROM THE OUTSIDE. WE MADE  
8 A DECISION THAT WHILE THERE MAY BE LESS PEOPLE WHO ARE  
9 MENTALLY ILL IN THE JAIL, WHEN WE'RE SAID AND DONE, THAT  
10 SHOULD NOT BE THE DRIVING PURPOSE BEHIND THIS PLAN. IT IS MY  
11 BELIEF AND THE BELIEF OF MANY ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL  
12 HEALTH ADVISORY TEAM THAT WE OUGHT TO DO THIS BECAUSE IT IS  
13 SIMPLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO BY PEOPLE WHO AT TIMES ARE NOT  
14 ABLE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WHEN  
15 WE TALK ABOUT DIVERSION, WE USE THIS TERM VERY BROADLY. IT CAN  
16 RANGE FROM PRE-ARREST TO POST-CONVICTION. IN OTHER WORDS, WE  
17 WILL LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVERT PEOPLE OUT OF THE  
18 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY NEVER COME  
19 BACK AT VARIOUS DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
20 SYSTEM. RIGHT NOW WHAT YOU HAVE IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME  
21 OPPORTUNITY. AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE NEVER HAS THERE BEEN ANY  
22 KIND OF COMMITTEE THAT I HAVE EVER BEEN ON WHERE LAW  
23 ENFORCEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DISTRICT  
24 ATTORNEY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL  
25 ILLNESS, THE A.C.L.U., AND THE JUDGES AS WELL AS MANY OTHER

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1 PARTNERS HAVE ACTUALLY SAT DOWN IN A ROOM TOGETHER AND TALKED  
2 TO ONE ANOTHER AND LISTENED TO ONE ANOTHER AND SAID: HOW CAN  
3 WE WORK TOGETHER TO FIGURE THIS ISSUE OUT? WHERE ARE THE GAPS?  
4 ARE WE PART OF THE PROBLEM? AND DONE AN HONEST ASSESSMENT OF  
5 WHAT WE COULD DO BETTER. DARE I SAY THERE WILL EVER BE A TIME  
6 WHERE PEOPLE ARE MORE UNITED IN THE PURPOSE HERE? WE DON'T  
7 JUST NEED MORE BEDS, WE NEED THE RIGHT TYPE OF BEDS. AND  
8 THAT'S SUCH A COMPLICATED ISSUE. YES, WE NEED URGENT CARE  
9 CENTERS, BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT 24 HOURS IS EQUALLY  
10 IMPORTANT. THE MOST PROBLEMATIC POPULATION OF PEOPLE, I MUST  
11 SAY AFTER SPENDING TIME WITH THIS GROUP, IS THOSE WHO ARE  
12 HOMELESS BECAUSE OFTENTIMES WHEN YOU ARE HOMELESS, IF YOU'RE  
13 TREATED IN THE JAIL, YOU'RE RELEASED AND YOU MAY ACTUALLY END  
14 UP BACK OUT THERE ON THE STREETS. IT CAN BE FURTHER  
15 COMPLICATED IF A PERSON IS MENTALLY ILL AND ALSO ADDICTED TO  
16 DRUGS. WE HAVE FOUND THAT IN OUR ANECDOTAL RESEARCH THAT  
17 GETTING SOMEONE DETOX OR OFF OF DRUGS BEFORE YOU TREAT THE  
18 MENTAL ILLNESS MAY IN FACT BE BETTER. IT BEARS REPEATING THAT  
19 THE TOP PRIORITY AS ILLUSTRATED IN THE REPORT IS TRAINING OF  
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEFS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY  
21 HAVE ALL INDICATED THAT THEY WISH TO HAVE MORE TRAINING  
22 AVAILABLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BECAUSE THE WAY THAT OUR  
23 SYSTEM IS SET UP, THEY ARE THE FIRST RESPONDERS TO PEOPLE WHO  
24 ARE IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT BY TRAINING  
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT HOW TO DEESCALATE A SITUATION AND ENCOUNTER

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1 WITH SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL WILL IN FACT DRIVE DOWN MANY  
2 OF THE ARRESTS. THE SECOND PRIORITY, WHICH IS ALREADY IN PLACE  
3 AS WE SPEAK IS CREATING DOOR NUMBER 3 WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE  
4 WHO IS MENTALLY ILL THAT YOU JUST CAN NOT LEAVE OUT ON THE  
5 STREET. RIGHT NOW, IF YOU TAKE THEM TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND  
6 YOU'RE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, YOU'RE TIED UP FOR FOUR TO  
7 SIX HOURS. IF YOU TAKE THEM TO JAIL, INSTEAD, YOU'RE IN AND  
8 OUT IN LESS THAN AN HOUR. WE SIMPLY NEED A THIRD OPTION FOR  
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT TO TAKE PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. AND THE  
10 URGENT CARE CENTERS ARE THAT PLACE. WE ARE HAPPY TO HEAR THAT  
11 TODAY THERE MAY BE AN AMENDMENT TO ADD LONG BEACH, THE CITY OF  
12 LONG BEACH AS ANOTHER SITE FOR AN URGENT CARE CENTER. LONG  
13 BEACH, QUITE FRANKLY, AMONGST ALL THE CITIES THAT WE DEAL WITH  
14 HAS THEIR ACT TOGETHER. THEY ARE AT EVERY MEETING. THEY HAVE  
15 EVERY PARTICULAR PARTNER AVAILABLE AND READY TO GO TO  
16 IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN. AND, INDEED, LONG BEACH BEING THE SECOND  
17 LARGEST CITY IN THE COUNTY, SHOULD IN FACT HAVE AN URGENT CARE  
18 CENTER AVAILABLE FOR THOSE OFFICERS TO DROP OUT. BUT OUR MOST  
19 HIGH TICKET ITEM, QUITE FRANKLY, IS THE HOUSING. THAT IS  
20 EXPENSIVE. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. FINDING A PLACE WHERE  
21 SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL WHO MAY HAVE A PRIOR CRIMINAL  
22 RECORD, WHO MAY ALSO BE SUFFERING FROM ABUSE, SOME KIND OF  
23 SUBSTANCE ABUSE MAY ALSO BE SUFFERING FROM SOME KIND OF  
24 PHYSICAL ILLNESS AND MAY NOT HAVE FAMILY SUPPORT REQUIRES A  
25 VERY SPECIALIZED HOUSING PROGRAM. AND IT WILL BE COSTLY. WHEN

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1 I TALK ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, THOUGH, WE ON THE COMMITTEE, WE  
2 AS PART OF THIS TASKFORCE NEVER ENVISIONED THAT WE WOULD WALK  
3 IN HERE 15 MONTHS LATER AND HAVE THE SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM  
4 THAT HAS BEEN CREATED BY DECADES OF NEGLECT. INSTEAD, WE SEE  
5 THIS -- AND THIS IS BASED ON OUR OBSERVATION IN MIAMI DADE,  
6 FLORIDA, AND OTHER PLACES WHERE THEY HAVE QUITE FRANKLY,  
7 SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AS SOMETHING THAT WILL  
8 PROBABLY TAKE A DECADE TO CHANGE THE CULTURE AND TO CHANGE THE  
9 SYSTEM THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING IN WHEN IT COMES TO  
10 THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. NOTWITHSTANDING THE LENGTH  
11 OF TIME. NOTWITHSTANDING THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND MONEY  
12 THAT IT COSTS, WE DEFINITELY SEE SOME THINGS THAT WE CAN  
13 IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT AND WHEN I SAY IMMEDIATELY WITHIN THE  
14 NEXT FEW YEARS THAT WILL MAKE AN IMPROVEMENT IN HOW WE ARE  
15 TREATING THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
16 SYSTEM. WE FOUND GREAT SUCCESS WITH CO-DEPLOYED TEAMS BUT  
17 THERE SIMPLY AREN'T ENOUGH. CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN WHY L.A.P.D.  
18 HAS 60 CO-DEPLOY TEAMS, MEANING A POLICE OFFICER AND A  
19 CLINICIAN AND HERE AT L.A. COUNTY WHERE THE SHERIFF HAS QUITE  
20 A BIT MORE TERRITORY TO DEAL WITH, HE WOULD ONLY HAVE 8. THERE  
21 IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THAT. THERE ARE 47 POLICE AGENCIES IN  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ALL ARE CRYING OUT FOR HELP IN TERMS  
23 OF HAVING CO-DEPLOYED TEAMS TO HELP THEM WHEN THEY'RE  
24 RESPONDING TO THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. WE HAVE A NEED FOR A  
25 DATA SYSTEM, A CENTRAL DATA SYSTEM THAT TALKS TO ONE ANOTHER.

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1 YOU MAY NOT KNOW THIS, BUT EVEN WITHIN THE JAILS, JAIL  
2 PERSONNEL MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DATA THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE  
3 FOR AN INMATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND WE'VE  
4 GOT TO SIMPLY FIGURE OUT HOW TO BREAK DOWN THOSE SILOS AND  
5 LOOK FOR WAYS THAT DATA SYSTEMS CAN BE IMPROVED SO THAT WE CAN  
6 ALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION AND WORK AS A UNIT AS  
7 OPPOSED TO INDIVIDUAL TEAMS. THE SHERIFF IS ASKING FOR AN  
8 L.A.S.D. MENTAL HEALTH BUREAU. HE MAY BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THAT.  
9 BUT FROM WHAT WE READ, IT DOES MAKE SENSE AND WE'RE SUPPORTIVE  
10 OF IT. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS ASKING FOR PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL  
11 WORKERS. WE AGREE WITH THAT, HAVING ACCESS TO PSYCHIATRIC  
12 SOCIAL WORKER MAY IN FACT HELP TO FIND ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS  
13 TO JAIL AND ASSIST THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND A.P.D. IN FINDING A  
14 BETTER PLACE FOR THEIR CLIENT, A PLACE THAT IS ACCEPTABLE ALSO  
15 TO THE PROSECUTION WHO MUST ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC  
16 SAFETY. THIS PROJECT HAS TO GO BEYOND OUR TERMS IN OFFICE. AND  
17 FOR THAT REASON WE ARE ASKING FOR SOME KIND OF STEERING  
18 COMMITTEE WHO WILL BE INVESTED IN CARRYING THIS FURTHER WHEN  
19 WE'VE ALL GONE ON TO THE PROMISED LAND CALLED RETIREMENT. WE  
20 BELIEVE THAT WE'VE GOT TO HAVE COMMITTED TEAM THAT IS  
21 CONTINUING TO WORK THESE ISSUES OUT AND ADJUST AS WE FIND  
22 ISSUES THAT SEPARATE US. SO, THROUGH THE WORK OF THE CRIMINAL  
23 JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, UNPRECEDENTED  
24 COLLABORATION HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED BUY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
25 PARTNERS. WE ACTUALLY CAN WORK TOGETHER. WE ACTUALLY CAN FIND



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1 COMMON GROUND. WE MAY NOT AGREED ON EVERY RECOMMENDATION  
2 INDEED IN THIS REPORT. BUT YOU CAN BET THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED  
3 IT. WE HAVE DEBATED IT. WE HAVE LOOKED FOR WAYS AND THIS IS  
4 OUR BEST EFFORT. BUT FURTHER WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE  
5 PUBLIC. IT WILL NOT BE EASY IN A DAY AND AGE WHERE YOU DON'T  
6 HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO SEE SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL WHO HAS  
7 COMMITTED A VIOLENT CRIME. UNFORTUNATELY WHENEVER THAT  
8 HAPPENS, IT CAUSES MASS FEAR AND CAUSES AN CAUSES AN  
9 OVERREACTION, IF YOU WILL. SUCH THAT PEOPLE THINK THAT ALL  
10 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF COMMITTING A MASS HOMICIDE.  
11 THE DATA SIMPLY DOES NOT BEAR THAT OUT. IN FACT, MANY AMONG US  
12 MAY BE SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATING A MENTAL ILLNESS AND HOLD SOME  
13 VERY HIGH LEVEL JOBS. OFTENTIMES SOMEONE DOES NOT GET THE HELP  
14 THAT THEY NEED. AND IF THEY WERE GETTING THE HELP THAT THEY  
15 WOULD NEED, THEY COULD BE PEOPLE WHO WERE CONTRIBUTING GREATLY  
16 TO THE SOCIETY. IN A NUTSHELL, IF I HAD TO SUM IT UP, WE HAVE  
17 SOME RESOURCES AND DIVERSION OCCURRING BUT IT'S SIMPLY NOT TO  
18 THE SCALE THAT WE NEED TO DO IT. WE NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN. WE  
19 NEED TO BE COURAGEOUS. WE NEED TO BE INNOVATIVE. AND WE NEED  
20 TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT TO GO FORWARD IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
21 SYSTEM AND IN THE COUNTY. THIS REPORT DOESN'T HAVE ALL OF THE  
22 ANSWERS. BUT IT DOES REPRESENT A START. IT DOES REPRESENT SOME  
23 OF THE TRIED AND TESTED EXAMPLES THAT WE HAVE UNCOVERED  
24 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN  
25 TREATING THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. BEING EVER MINDFUL OF

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1 PUBLIC SAFETY AND VICTIMS RIGHTS, IT REALLY IS TIME TO TAKE  
2 THE NEXT STEPS IN WHAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A VERY LONG  
3 JOURNEY. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? AND SHERIFF  
4 MCCDONNELL IS HERE ALSO TO SPEAK.

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6 **SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHERIFF?

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8 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** THANK YOU. OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES  
9 I HAVE SEEN THE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX CHALLENGES FACED BY LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT AS WELL AS OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AS WE SEEK TO  
11 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE GROWING POPULATION WHO STRUGGLE WITH  
12 MENTAL ILLNESS. TOO OFTEN WE'VE USED OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
13 SYSTEM AND OUR JAILS AS A DEFAULT PLACEMENT FOR MANY LOW LEVEL  
14 OFFENDERS WHO CAN INSTEAD BE SAFELY AND MORE EFFECTIVELY  
15 TREATED IN THE COMMUNITY. AND FOR THOSE WHO NEED TO BE  
16 SEPARATED FROM SOCIETY, WE HAVE NOT INVESTED IN JAIL  
17 FACILITIES THAT CAN EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE THERAPEUTIC CARE FOR  
18 THOSE IN OUR CUSTODY WHO NEED AND DESERVE MENTAL HEALTH  
19 TREATMENT. TODAY OUR COUNTY LEADERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
20 CHANGE THE STATUS QUO AND CREATE A NEW PARADIGM. I APPLAUD  
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING  
22 TOGETHER AN ADVISORY GROUP OF COUNTY LEADERS, JUSTICE SYSTEM  
23 OFFICIALS, MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS AND COMMUNITY VOICES TO  
24 DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR HOW ALL OF THE PARTS OF THE  
25 JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN BETTER ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES AND CONCERNS

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1 OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. AND I THANK THE  
2 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP INCLUDING MANY MANY FROM MY OWN  
3 DEPARTMENT WHO SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS WORKING ON THIS  
4 THOUGHTFUL AND IMPORTANT REPORT. MANY OF THE INMATES IN OUR  
5 CHARGE NEED TO BE SEPARATED FROM SOCIETY BUT THERE ARE ALSO  
6 MANY THERE BECAUSE SOCIETY LEFT THEM BEHIND. A SIGNIFICANT  
7 NUMBER ARE COMMITTING CRIMES DUE TO UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS  
8 OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. FOR TOO LONG AND FOR TOO MANY JAIL HAS  
9 BECOME A DEFAULT PLACEMENT. TOO OFTEN IT'S MERELY THE LATEST  
10 STEP IN A CYCLE THAT UPON RELEASE REPEATS ITSELF. TOO MANY OF  
11 OUR LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS LEAVE JAIL IN WORSE SHAPE THAN IF  
12 THEIR BEHAVIOR WAS ADDRESSED THROUGH TREATMENT. NONE OF US  
13 BENEFIT FROM THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS. WHILE I HAVE SEEN MANY  
14 CHALLENGES, I HAVE ALSO SEEN HOW FAR WE'VE COME TO IMPROVE  
15 CONDITIONS IN OUR JAILS DESPITE DAILY HURDLES OF INTOLERABLE  
16 PHYSICAL FACILITIES. WE ARE EMBRACING NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
17 THAT ENABLED OVER 300 INMATES LAST YEAR TO SECURE HIGH SCHOOL  
18 GRADUATION DIPLOMAS. AND WE PARTNERED WITH OUTSIDE GROUPS TO  
19 ENHANCE REENTRY PLANNING, INCDREASED DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS  
20 AND TARGET THE HOMELESS POPULATION WITH HOUSING ASSISTANCE.  
21 YET THESE EFFORTS ARE HAPPENING DESPITE THE ANTIQUATED AND  
22 OVERCROWDED ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE WORK, NOT BECAUSE OF IT.  
23 WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT WE CAN AND MUST DO MORE. AND TODAY THE  
24 BOARD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US BUILD FOR THE  
25 FUTURE AS WE SEEK TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS AND ENVIRONMENT IN

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1 WHICH WE HOUSE OUR COUNTY'S INMATES. AS FOR THE ADVISORY GROUP  
2 REPORT APPROPRIATELY RECOGNIZED, ONE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT'S  
3 BIGGEST CHALLENGES STEM FROM HOW WE INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS  
4 STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. IN OUR CUSTODY ENVIRONMENT, WE  
5 ARE RUNNING WHAT AMOUNTS TO THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY  
6 IN THE NATION. L.A. COUNTY JAILS HOUSE OVER 3,500 INMATES,  
7 ABOUT ONE FIFTH OF THE TOTAL POPULATION WHO ARE IN NEED OF  
8 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. WE HAVE AROUND 300 INMATES IN NEED OF  
9 INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BUT HAVE ONLY 40 LICENSED  
10 BEDS. OVER 95 PERCENT OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS  
11 ALSO SUFFER FROM ADDICTION DISORDERS AND OVER 80 PERCENT ARE  
12 HOMELESS AND LACK STABLE HOUSING UPON RELEASE. OUR JAILS  
13 SIMPLY WERE NOT BUILT AS TREATMENT CENTERS AND WITH LONG-TERM  
14 TREATMENT IN MIND. NOT SURPRISINGLY THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS  
15 HAVE HIGHEST RECIDIVISM RATE OF ANY GROUP. IN SHORT OUR COUNTY  
16 JAILS ARE ILL-EQUIPPED TO HOUSE OR TREAT THOSE BATTLING WITH  
17 MENTAL ILLNESS. WE CANNOT COPE WITH THE COMPLEX POPULATION  
18 THAT OFTEN COULD BE BETTER SERVED IN A DIFFERENT SETTING WHERE  
19 MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT STRATEGIES WOULD BE MORE HUMANE  
20 AND ALSO BETTER ADVANCE PUBLIC SAFETY. IN THE PATROL  
21 ENVIRONMENT WE ARE ALSO SIMILARLY ILL-EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS THE  
22 CHALLENGES OF THIS POPULATION. AN INCREASINGLY LARGE NUMBER OF  
23 PATROL CONTACTS AND PATROL HOURS ARE SPENT DEALING WITH  
24 INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS WHO ARE SUFFERING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR  
25 MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. NEARLY 40 PERCENT OF ALL USE OF FORCE

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1 INCIDENTS INVOLVE INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS.  
2 AND WE'VE SEEN A 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN CALLS TO SERVICES IN  
3 2011 IN CASES INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
4 ILLNESSES AND CHALLENGES. IN TOO MANY CASES WE ARREST OUR WAY  
5 OUR WAY OUT OF THESE ENCOUNTERS RATHER THAN DIVERTING  
6 INDIVIDUALS TO COMMUNITY TREATMENT AND THE CARE THEY NEED.  
7 THAT RESULT IS INEVITABLE WHEN THE PATROL PERSONNEL LACK THE  
8 REQUISITE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND EXPERTISE TO KNOW HOW TO  
9 INTERACT WITH INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS THAT THEY MAY ENCOUNTER ON  
10 THE STREET. THESE RESULTS ARE ALSO A REFLECTION OF AN  
11 INADEQUATE NUMBER OF MENTAL EVALUATION TEAMS OR M.E.T. TEAMS  
12 THAT COULD BRING AN INTERDISCIPLINARY THAT COULD HANDLE AND  
13 DEESCALATE CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING WITH MENTAL  
14 ILLNESS. WE CAN'T HAVE OR DON'T HAVE THE COMMUNITY PLACEMENTS  
15 OR DROP-OFF RESOURCE CENTERS THAT MIGHT AVOID BRINGING  
16 INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS INTO THE CUSTODIAL  
17 SETTING. THE STRATEGIES THAT CAN ENABLE US TO CHANGE THIS  
18 PARADIGM EXISTS. WE KNOW WHAT WORKS AND IT DOESN'T TAKE ROCKET  
19 SCIENCE TO TURN THE CORNER. WORKING TOGETHER AND WITH NEW  
20 RESOURCES, WE CAN CHANGE THE STATUS QUO THAT NONE OF US COULD  
21 BE PROUD OF. AND I APPLAUD THE WORK AND LEADERSHIP OF OUR D.A.  
22 AND THE ADVISORY GROUP IN HELPING CREATE A BLUEPRINT FOR HOW  
23 WE MOVE FORWARD. THAT BLUEPRINT CLEARLY DEFINES WHAT WE NEED.  
24 AND AS THE D.A. MENTIONED, FIRST AND FOREMOST WE NEED THE  
25 RESOURCE TO SUPPORT CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING SO DEPUTIES

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1 WORKING THE STREETS KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO  
2 INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE DIVERT  
3 ENTRY INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WHILE MODELS VARY, WE KNOW THAT  
4 THE 40-HOUR SO-CALLED MEMPHIS C.I.T. MODEL IS THE MOST  
5 COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AND THAT IT IS MET WITH GREAT  
6 SUCCESS IN OTHER PARTS OF OUR NATION. PLEASE KNOW THAT I'M  
7 DEEPLY COMMITTED TO TRAINING EVERY MEMBER OF OUR DEPARTMENT IN  
8 THIS 40-HOUR C.I.T. TRAINING MODEL IN THE COMING YEARS, BUT  
9 THAT WILL REQUIRE ADDED RESOURCES AND SUPPORT, NOT SIMPLY FOR  
10 THE TRAINING ITSELF BUT RATHER FOR BACKFILL THAT'S NEEDED WHEN  
11 OUR DEPUTIES ARE TAKEN OFF THE JOB OF KEEPING OUR STREETS SAFE  
12 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS INVALUABLE TRAINING. WE ALSO NEED  
13 SUPPORT FOR M.E.T. TEAMS WHERE WE PAIR DEPUTIES WITH MENTAL  
14 HEALTH CLINICIANS AND CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO THOSE  
15 IN CRISIS. IN L.A. COUNTY THESE TEAMS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.  
16 L.A.S.D. HAS CURRENTLY ONLY 8 M.E.T. TEAMS COUNTY-WIDE AND  
17 CURRENTLY THEY OPERATE ONLY DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND CAN BE  
18 AN HOUR OR MORE AWAY FROM A CRUCIAL INCIDENT. THIS  
19 INTERDISCIPLINARY MODEL IS THE BEST PRACTICE AND IT CAN KEEP  
20 INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS FROM ENTERING OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
21 ANOTHER KEY INGREDIENT OF CHANGING THE STATUS QUO REQUIRES AN  
22 INVESTMENT IN ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCE  
23 CENTERS. WE NEED TO DEVELOP URGENT CARE CENTERS, TREATMENT  
24 SERVICES AND PLACEMENTS THAT CAN PROVIDE MULTIDISCIPLINARY IN  
25 A THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT. AND FINALLY WE NEED A NEW PARADIGM

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1 WITH STRATEGIES THAT FOCUS ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION.  
2 WE KNOW THAT SUCCESSFUL MODELS INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH COURTS  
3 AND OTHER DIVERSION STRATEGIES THAT HAVE WORKED WELL. WE  
4 SHOULD WORK WITH OUR COURT AND OTHER PARTNERS TO REVIVE AND  
5 EXPAND PROGRAMS THAT HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO BUDGET CUTS.  
6 INVESTING IN THESE APPROACHES ISN'T SIMPLY THE RIGHT THING TO  
7 DO BUT THE FISCALLY SOUND APPROACH, AS WELL. AND IN THE LONG  
8 RUN, OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BE SAFER AS WE CREATE A BETTER  
9 PATHWAY FOR THOSE WHO TOO OFTEN CYCLE IN AND OUT OF OUR  
10 JUSTICE SYSTEM. FOR TOO LONG JAILING THOSE WHO ARE DEALING  
11 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS HAS SOMEHOW PASSED AS AN ACCEPTABLE WAY OF  
12 KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT AND OUT OF MIND HUMAN BEINGS WHO NEED OUR  
13 HELP. OUR JAILS SHOULD BE THE LAST RESORT RATHER THAN OUR  
14 FIRST RESPONSE. AND FOR THOSE WHO NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM OUR  
15 COMMUNITY WE CAN AND SHOULD HAVE HUMANE AND APPROPRIATE  
16 FACILITIES TO HOUSE AND TREAT THEM WHILE THEY'RE IN OUR  
17 CHARGE. WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN BETTER PREPARE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
18 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION. THESE STRATEGIES WILL  
19 BETTER SERVE NOT SIMPLY THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS  
20 BUT ALSO OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. TO BOTH  
23 D.A. AND TO THE SHERIFF, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.  
24 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOU WILL RECALL IT WAS IN MAY LAST YEAR  
25 WHEN WE SET ABOUT THE TASK OF CAUSING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN



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1 LARGE MEASURE BECAUSE OF OUR OWN IMPULSES AND LEADERSHIP TO  
2 BEGIN A CONVERSATION FOR CONSEQUENCE ABOUT THE MATTER OF  
3 DIVERSION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LOOK AT IT BROADLY,  
4 DEEPLY, COMPREHENSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAUSING THE BOARD  
5 TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE WE COULD THEN SAY WHAT IT IS THAT WE  
6 WOULD LIKE TO DO, WHAT WE THINK APPROPRIATE TO HAPPEN. I'M  
7 PLEASED THAT SUCH A REPORT HAS FOUND ITS WAY TO US GRACED BY  
8 THE SHERIFF. WHAT IT ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTES IS A NEW  
9 COMMITMENT TO DOING RIGHT BY THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE A RANGE OF  
10 CHALLENGES NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED BY ANY MEANS IN TERMS OF  
11 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. AND THAT'S THE IMPULSE. THIS NOTION OF  
12 DIVERSION IS DRIVEN BY CLINICAL ASSESSMENT. IT IS DRIVEN BY  
13 COMPASSION. IT IS DRIVEN BY A PRUDENT SENSE OF PUBLIC  
14 RESOURCES SO THAT WE CAN BE SMART ABOUT WHAT IT IS WE'RE DOING  
15 IN TERMS OF THE MANAGEMENT CRISIS PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN AND TO  
16 LOOK AT IT THROUGH THE EYES OF NOT SIMPLY LAW ENFORCEMENT BUT  
17 CLINICAL DIMENSIONS OF WHAT IS BEFORE US. IT COULD MEAN COST  
18 SAVINGS, IT COULD MEAN THE WAY IN WHICH WE CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO  
19 ARE IN CRISIS IN A VERY DIFFERENT WAY. SO I THINK WE OWE YOU A  
20 DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR WORKING FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME, THE  
21 TASKFORCE THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER THAT WAS INCLUSIVE OF A RANGE  
22 OF DISCIPLINES, THE LEAST OF WHICH IS MENTAL HEALTH. DR.  
23 SOUTHARD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. DR. KATZ, THANK  
24 YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. THE WHOLE TEAM AT THE DISTRICT  
25 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WORK. NOW, I BELIEVE,

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1 THE BOARD NEEDS TO CONSIDER HOW TO TAKE WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A  
2 LIVING DOCUMENT AND MOVE TOWARDS INTEGRATING THESE  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THEY HAVE BEEN REFINED. AND WE NEED TO  
4 COME FORTH WITH WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. I  
5 THINK THAT CAN AND WILL EMERGE IN RELATIVELY SHORT ORDER. THE  
6 BOARD IS POISED TO ACT. WE WANTED TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION  
7 TODAY. BUT THERE IS NO DENYING THE FACT THERE IS NO SECRET  
8 THAT ATTACHES TO THIS DISCUSSION THAT DIVERSION MUST BE MORE  
9 PROMINENTLY FACTORED INTO THE WAY IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS ARE  
10 TREATED WITH RESPECT TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. NOW  
11 WHEN WE USE THE TERM DIVERSION, IT CAN MEAN A LOT OF DIFFERENT  
12 THINGS. AND YOUR REPORT HAS TAUGHT US THAT. BUT WHAT IS  
13 IMPORTANT IS THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO PURSUE THE ISSUE OF  
14 PUBLIC SAFETY IN A ONE DIMENSIONAL MANNER. EVERYBODY TAKES THE  
15 ROLE OF A PROSECUTOR SERIOUSLY IN TERMS OF THE ROLE, IN TERMS  
16 OF MAKING SURE THAT THOSE WHO VIOLATE THE LAW ARE DEALT WITH  
17 IN TERMS OF JUSTICE. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE KNOW THAT WE HADN'T  
18 UP TO THIS POINT IN TIME GOTTEN THIS RIGHT, NOW IS THE TIME  
19 FOR US TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE INSIGHTS AND BEST PRACTICES  
20 AVAILABLE TO US TO GET IT RIGHT. SO I AM COMPLETELY DISPOSED  
21 TO MAKING SURE THAT WE CAN TAKE SERIOUSLY THESE  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS TO PULL TOGETHER THE  
23 RESOURCES OF OUR COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AN  
24 OFFICE OR UNIT THAT DEALS WITH DIVERSION AND TAKES THE BEST OF  
25 ALL OF WHAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT HAPPENS. SO IN NEAR

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1 TERM, EXPECT TO SEE THAT AGAIN. AND I THINK WE WILL DO THAT.  
2 WE WILL HAVE HONORED THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERY PERSON AND  
3 UPHELD THE BEST PRACTICES IN TERMS OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE  
4 PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU VERY  
5 MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. MADAME DISTRICT  
6 ATTORNEY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR  
11 LEADERSHIP. OBVIOUSLY I WAS GLAD TO HEAR BECAUSE I THINK THERE  
12 WAS SOME MISCONCEPTIONS GOING IN. THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT  
13 ISSUE OVERALL TO HOW WE ARE ABLE TO MANAGE THAT POPULATION.  
14 MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, I THINK YOU MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT  
15 THIS IS NOT A JAIL REDUCTION PLAN, EITHER. BUT AN IMPORTANT  
16 PIECE OF ALL THIS TOO, I THINK IS THE URGENT CARE FACILITIES  
17 THAT YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING AND NEEDING. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAD  
18 A SMALL ONE IN THE LONG BEACH AREA. I KNOW THAT'S AN AREA  
19 YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING, AS WELL, TOO, NOT JUST FOR LONG BEACH  
20 P.D. BUT THE REGIONAL ASPECT, OF THE OTHER MUNICIPAL AGENCIES  
21 THAT ARE OUT THERE. THAT'S A CRITICAL PIECE IN THAT FIRST  
22 STEP. AND MAYBE BEING ABLE TO DIVERT PRIOR TO GETTING TO THE  
23 BIG HOUSE, TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. SO I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF  
24 THAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THOSE URGENT CARE  
25 FACILITIES.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I ASSOCIATE MYSELF  
9 WITH THE REMARKS OF MY COLLEAGUES PRAISING THE REPORT. BUT IT  
10 MORE IMPORTANTLY, I THINK, RECOGNIZING THIS TIME AND NOT JUST  
11 HERE BUT I THINK ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHERE WE ARE ALL SAYING  
12 WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING HASN'T WORKED. IT JUST HASN'T WORKED.  
13 PEOPLE WITH VARIOUS DEGREES OF MENTAL ILLNESS, PEOPLE WITH  
14 VARIOUS DEGREES OF SUBSTANCE USE ISSUES, YOU PUT THEM IN JAIL,  
15 AND YOU PUT THEM IN JAIL, AND THEN YOU PUT THEM IN JAIL AGAIN.  
16 AND THIS COUNTY, I THINK, HAS, AT LEAST FOR THE PAST YEAR AND  
17 BEYOND THAT I'VE SEEN COMMITTED ITSELF TO BEING PART OF THIS  
18 SEISMIC SHIFT IN HOW WE THINK ABOUT INCARCERATION AND WHAT  
19 IT'S FOR. IF WE JUST GO FOR PUNISHMENT, WE HAVEN'T REALLY  
20 SUCCEEDED. WE TRIED THAT. THE CONFUSING THING TO ME, THOUGH,  
21 AND I HAVE TO SAY I HOPE IT ISN'T LIKE THROWING A YOU KNOW  
22 WHAT IN THE PUNCH BOWL, BUT IS THIS STATEMENT ABOUT THERE NOT  
23 BEING A JAIL REDUCTION PLAN. CERTAINLY I UNDERSTAND IT'S NOT A  
24 PLAN TO REDUCE NECESSARILY THOSE IN JAIL. BUT AS I READ IT,  
25 WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE'VE GOT 15,000 PEOPLE IN OUR JAILS

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1 RIGHT NOW. WE'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF THEM IN TREATMENT. WE'D  
2 LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF THEM IN COMMUNITY PLACEMENT WHERE THEY  
3 CAN DO BETTER. WE'D LIKE TO KEEP SOME OF THEM FROM EVEN GOING  
4 IN. BUT THE REPORT, AND ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS IN THE REPORT  
5 IS THE PLACES WHERE YOU IDENTIFIED, MADAME DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
6 INTERVENTIONS COULD HAPPEN. NOT JUST AT THE BEGINNING. AND I  
7 REALLY LIKE THAT. I LIKE OUR THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO AS  
8 A COLLECTIVE IN EACH PLACE FOR IT. BUT YOU SAID EARLY IN YOUR  
9 REMARKS "THE JAIL ENVIRONMENT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE WHO  
10 NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT." THE SHERIFF SAID "THESE PEOPLE  
11 ARE BETTER SERVED IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS." SO LET ME SUGGEST  
12 JUST PERSONALLY I DO THINK IT'S KIND OF JAIL REDUCTION  
13 PROGRAM. THAT IS AN INCARCERATION REDUCTION PROGRAM. WE HEAR A  
14 LOT ABOUT PEOPLE STAYING LONGER. MAYBE THEY DON'T HAVE MENTAL  
15 HEALTH ISSUES. SOME OF THEM GETTING THEIR TREATMENT IN A  
16 FACILITY THAT STILL HAS CELLS BUT IS NOT SOMEHOW JUST A JAIL.  
17 ALL OF THAT I THINK THE COUNTY IS DEVOTED TO HAVING A REALLY  
18 USEFUL CONVERSATION ABOUT. BUT THE MAIN ISSUE HERE IS HOW WE  
19 ARE ALL TALKING IN VERY MUCH THE SAME WAY ABOUT A POPULATION  
20 THAT MUST GET SOME HELP. THAT REALLY WE WANT TO TRY TO KEEP  
21 OUT OF OUR JAIL SYSTEM OR AT LEAST OUT OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM  
22 OVER AND OVER. SO IN THAT CASE I BELIEVE YOUR DECISION TO BE  
23 PART OF THE SOLUTION IN CHARGING, WE ALSO NEED TO HEAR FROM  
24 AND ENGAGE WITH THE COURTS BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES  
25 SENTENCING. AND I KNOW NOW WE WORK VERY HARD SOMETIMES TO FIND

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1 PLACEMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST GOING TO DECOMPENSATE IN THE  
2 JAIL AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO HELP THEM. AND WE DO FIND OUT  
3 SOME TREATMENT. AS MY COLLEAGUE HAS SAID WE'RE WILLING TO PUT  
4 SOME RESOURCES. AND I THINK WE WILL BE IN THE FUTURE. INTO  
5 THESE ALTERNATIVES IN NOT JUST THE HOPE BUT WITH THE  
6 CONVICTION THAT IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND WE CAN DO  
7 BETTER. SO I SEE US AS A TEAM ON THIS AND WORKING TO IT'S NOT  
8 JUST MORE HUMANE, IT'S A BETTER INVESTMENT FOR US. FIRST OF  
9 ALL, PEOPLE IN OUTSIDE FACILITIES GETTING MENTAL ILLNESS  
10 TREATMENT, WE CAN ACTUALLY GET MEDI-CAL PAYMENTS FOR THAT. BUT  
11 WE CAN'T WHEN THEY'RE IN JAIL. SO IT'S SORT OF A WIN/WIN IN A  
12 WAY, FOR SOME OF OUR CASES. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS  
13 CONTINUING CONVERSATION. I THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. AND DR.  
14 SOUTHARD, YOU, AS WELL. ALL THE WORK IN THE D.A.'S OFFICE  
15 BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE ARE FINALLY LOOKING LIKE THE 21ST  
16 CENTURY. AND I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE AT THIS MOMENT TO BE A PART  
17 OF IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID AND I'M NOT GOING TO  
24 ADD A WHOLE LOT MORE EXCEPT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR D.A.  
25 AND TO OUR SHERIFF FOR TAKING THE BOLD STEP AND HAVING THE

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1 ABILITY TO HELP LEAD US. BECAUSE I'M COMING IN NEW. THIS IS  
2 GOING ON MY EIGHTH MONTH NOW. AND IT HAS BEEN A WHIRLWIND. BUT  
3 FOR YOU TO OUTLINE EXACTLY WHERE SOME OF THE INTERCEPTS ARE,  
4 STARTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY SERVICES, POST DURESS  
5 ARRAIGNMENT, COURT, POST-ARRAIGNMENT COMMUNITY REENTRY. ALL OF  
6 THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN LAID OUT VERY WELL. AND THEY'RE GOING  
7 TO BE VERY HELPFUL TO US. AND I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT  
8 WORKS IN OTHER PLACES THAT WE CAN ALSO TRANSPOSE AND HOPEFULLY  
9 IMPLEMENT HERE. SOME OF WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING  
10 IN MIAMI. I HAVEN'T BEEN TO MIAMI BUT MAYBE I NEED TO GO TO  
11 SEE WHAT'S WORKING. AND ALSO THE WHOLE IDEA ABOUT THE FUNDS  
12 THAT WE'RE COMMITTING, 80 MILLION THAT OUR C.E.O. HAS PUT  
13 TOGETHER, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S REALLY WHERE WE NEED TO BE.  
14 THERE PROBABLY WILL BE SOME ADJUSTMENTS THERE AND I'LL WANT TO  
15 HAVE INFORMATION FROM OUR C.E.O. REGARDING THAT. BUT I ALSO AM  
16 COMMITTED TO PUT WHATEVER ELSE NEEDS TO PUT ON THE PLATE, PUT  
17 ON THE TABLE SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF  
18 INDIVIDUALS THAT GO BACK TO JAIL. I HAVE TO AGREE WITH MY  
19 COLLEAGUE SHEILA KUEHL. I DO BELIEVE IN THE LONG RUN THIS WILL  
20 HELP PROVIDE THE KIND OF TREATMENT THAT WILL PREVENT PEOPLE  
21 FROM HAVING TO RECYCLE BACK INTO JAIL OR PRISON. AND I THINK  
22 THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE NOTED. AND THAT SHOULD BE  
23 INCLUDED IN OUR COST FISCAL BALANCE SHEET, AS WELL. WHAT THAT  
24 MIGHT MEAN FOR US. BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE AT ONE OF THESE  
25 POSITIONS IN TIME RIGHT NOW WHERE WE CAN LEAD THE COUNTRY.



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1 WE'RE THE LARGEST. EVERYBODY IS LOOKING AT US. AND I KNOW I  
2 DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. BUT I'M LOOKING TO PEOPLE THAT ARE  
3 HERE BEFORE US AND MAYBE PERHAPS THOSE THAT ARE LISTENING THAT  
4 CAN HELP SHED MORE LIGHT ON WHAT WE CAN DO FOR COST SAVINGS.  
5 SO I'M EXCITED AND WANT TO JUST SAY THAT I'M A PARTNER WITH  
6 YOU AND WITH THIS BOARD AND WITH THE PUBLIC THAT SEES SO  
7 CLEARLY THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE. THERE IS A CAULDRON  
8 CALL, IF YOU WILL, OUT THERE THAT SAYS THAT THERE ARE OTHER  
9 WAYS OF LOOKING AT THIS VERY CHALLENGING PROBLEM THAT  
10 CONTINUES TO PUT US IN A DEEP HOLE. SO I JUST WANT TO COMMEND  
11 YOU. AND ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT, THANK YOU FOR  
12 YOUR LEADERSHIP.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE KNOW WE HAVE TO DEAL  
15 WITH THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT AND THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS.  
16 AND SO WE KNOW THE NEED FOR THE NEW JAIL THAT WILL HAVE TO BE  
17 BUILT AND WE KNOW THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR THOSE  
18 WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS, HAVE THOSE NEEDS MET, AS WELL. AND  
19 ALSO CHANGE STATE LAW SO THAT THE COURTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
20 REQUIRE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO DENY  
21 THAT THEY ARE MENTALLY ILL AND YET ARE WANDERING OFF CREATING  
22 PROBLEMS FOR THEMSELVES OR FOR OTHERS. BUT WE HAVE 45  
23 SPEAKERS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIMIT YOU TO ONE MINUTE EACH.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MS. LACEY?

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1

2 **JACKIE LACEY:** I'VE NEGLECTED TO ASK DIRECTOR SOUTHARD IF HE  
3 HAD ANYTHING TO ADD. AND I FELT LIKE THAT HE IS HERE AS OUR  
4 DEPARTMENT HEAD, WE SHOULD ASK.

5

6 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WILL BE  
7 BRIEF. I THINK I WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
8 LACEY AND SHERIFF MCDONNELL FOR TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN  
9 CONVENING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO HELP CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
10 BETTER MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. AND AS YOUR BOARD HAS  
11 MENTIONED, THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE HERE ARE BUILT ON  
12 WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE. WE HAVE ROBUST PROGRAMS AT ALL OF  
13 THE INTERCEPTS ALREADY IN PLACE. BUT THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS  
14 THE TYPICAL PROBLEM WE HAVE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS ONE OF  
15 SCALE. WE CAN HAVE GREAT PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS A FEW PEOPLE IN  
16 A VERY GOOD WAY. BUT HAVING PROGRAMS BIG ENOUGH TO REALLY  
17 CHANGE AND CREATE A SYSTEM THAT MAKES SENSE IS ALWAYS  
18 DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING. SO I THINK THIS PLAN REALLY  
19 REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING OUR DIVERSION EFFORTS FROM  
20 LITTLE PROJECTS TO THE SCALE THAT CREATES A SYSTEM THAT MAKES  
21 SENSE. AND A PART OF THIS PARTICULAR PLAN THAT I THINK IS MOST  
22 INTERESTING AND MOST ROBUST IS THE AFTER-CARE PLANNING IN  
23 WHICH WE WILL ATTEMPT TO INVEST IN COMMUNITIES SO THAT  
24 COMMUNITIES CAN HELP TAKE CARE OF THOSE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
25 ILLNESS WHO ARE RELEASED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY GET NOT JUST

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1 THE TREATMENT SERVICES BUT THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT THEY NEED TO  
2 SUSTAIN RECOVERY. AND I THINK IF WE EMBED THIS DIVERSION  
3 EFFORT INTO REAL COMMUNITY WORK, I THINK WE WILL HAVE A MODEL  
4 THAT WILL BE TRULY NATIONAL IN ITS SCOPE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, JACKIE. THANK YOU,  
7 SHERIFF. AND WHILE WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING TO LIMIT BECAUSE  
8 OF TIME RESTRAINTS, IF THOSE CAN ALSO SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN  
9 COPIES TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHO WILL DISTRIBUTE THAT TO THE  
10 FIVE SUPERVISORS SO THAT WE'LL HAVE YOUR FULL TESTIMONY, WE  
11 APPRECIATE THAT. LET ME CALL UP ROBERT LIBERMAN, BRITTANY  
12 WEISMAN. MELLO DESIRE. PATRICIA RUSSELL. GOOD MORNING, SIR.

13

14 **ROBERT LIBERMAN:** I'M DR. ROBERT LIBERMAN, PROFESSOR OF  
15 PSYCHIATRY AT THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE WHERE I DIRECT  
16 THE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE  
17 AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS WONDERFUL PROPOSAL. TODAY  
18 CALIFORNIA HAS CLOSED ITS STATE HOSPITALS, ITS FORENSIC  
19 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS ARE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING, AND THE  
20 PSYCHIATRIC BEDS IN THE GENERAL HOSPITALS ARE BEING SHUT DOWN.  
21 THE MOST EGREGIOUS EXAMPLE OF THIS TWO YEARS AGO WAS WHEN  
22 CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL TOTALLY CLOSED ALL OF ITS PSYCHIATRIC  
23 SERVICES IN EXCHANGE FOR USING THAT SPACE FOR CANCER PATIENTS,  
24 WHICH WOULD PROVIDE MORE MONEY, MORE INCOME FOR THE HOSPITAL.  
25 AS A RESULT OF THIS, WE HAVE OUR JAILS, OUR STATE PRISONS AND

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1 THE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE STREETS LIVING THEIR LIVES IN WAYS  
2 THAT ARE DANGEROUS TO THEMSELVES AND TO OTHERS. MORE THAN 10  
3 TIMES AS MANY MENTALLY ILL PERSONS ARE IN JAILS AND PRISONS  
4 THAN IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS. THE LARGEST MENTAL HOSPITALS IN  
5 THE UNITED STATES ARE THE COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO, THE  
6 RIKERS ISLAND JAIL IN NEW YORK AND THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL. ALL  
7 THREE OF THESE JAILS ARE UNDER FEDERAL SCRUTINY FOR  
8 MISTREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL. COOK COUNTY JAIL HAS JUST  
9 APPOINTED A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AS ITS NEW WARDEN, A WOMAN  
10 WHO HAS DEVELOPED MODEL PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATING, EVALUATING,  
11 TREATING AND DIVERTING INDIVIDUALS FROM THE JAIL.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO, IF SOMEONE WANTS TO GIVE THEIR  
14 TIME TO YOU, THEY CAN DO THAT, AS WELL. BUT WE APPRECIATE. IF  
15 YOU COULD GIVE US A COPY OF YOUR REMARKS, THAT WOULD BE VERY  
16 MUCH APPRECIATED. THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU, DOCTOR. YES,  
17 MA'AM.

18

19 **BRITTANY WEISSMAN:** HI, MY NAME IS BRITTANY WEISSMANN,  
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR NAMI IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. NAMI STANDS  
21 FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS. I'M GLAD TO SHOW  
22 SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPORT ON DIVERSION. BY  
23 WORKING TOGETHER WE WILL DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE HOW OUR CRIMINAL  
24 JUSTICE SYSTEM INTERACTS WITH PEOPLE LIVING WITH SERIOUS  
25 MENTAL ILLNESS. ALTHOUGH WE DEVELOPED MANY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS

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1 IN THE PAST THE CRUCIAL MISSING ELEMENT WAS A LONG TERM  
2 STRATEGIC PLAN. AS A PARTNER AND STAKEHOLDER IN THIS EFFORT  
3 WE'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT AN IMPORTANT CONCERN. THE D.M.H. MENTAL  
4 HEALTH COURT LINKAGE PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST  
5 SUCCESSFUL POST BOOKING DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN OUR STATE. AS  
6 INDICATED IN THE REPORT IT DIVERTS ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE  
7 REFERRALS IT RECEIVES AND LAST YEAR IT DIVERTED OVER 1,000  
8 INDIVIDUALS. WE'RE HAPPY TO SEE THE ELEVATED PRIORITY OF THIS  
9 PROGRAM AND CALL FOR ADDITIONAL CASEWORKERS AND ADDITIONAL  
10 TREATMENT RESOURCES. THE REPORT ALSO IDENTIFIES A PROPOSED NEW  
11 PROGRAM CALLED THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKERS  
12 PROGRAM. AS APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT OF ALL OF ALL JAIL  
13 INMATES ARE ASSISTED BY PUBLIC DEFENDERS, WE HAVE CONCERNS  
14 ABOUT THE CROWDING OUT OF THIS PROGRAM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SUZETTE  
17 SHAW, MARSHA TEMPLE, DANIELLE WILDKRESS. YES, MA'AM. YES.

18

19 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** OH. EXCUSE ME. MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL.  
20 I'M A MEMBER OF NAMI AND I'M ALSO THE CO-CHAIR OF SERVICE AREA  
21 2, WHICH IS THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEY,  
22 GLENDALE, BURBANK. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M ALSO ON JACKIE  
23 LACEYS'S MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE. I HAVE A  
24 SON WHO SUFFERS FROM CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS. THERE'S SO MUCH  
25 MORE I WOULD LIKE TO SAY. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR HOURS TO SAY IT.

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1 I'LL SUBMIT IT IN WRITING TO THE SUPERVISORS. WE NEED MORE  
2 TREATMENT FOR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, BOTH RESIDENTIAL  
3 TREATMENT WHEN THEY GET OUT OF JAIL, BEFORE THEY GO IN JAIL SO  
4 THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO JAIL. WE NEED MORE SOBERING CENTERS  
5 SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN DANGER OF ACTUALLY DYING OUT ON THE  
6 STREET, A PLACE THEY COULD GO LIKE IN SAN ANTONIO WHERE THEY  
7 CAN GET SOBER AND THEN GO FOR FURTHER SERVICES IN THE  
8 COMMUNITY. WE NEED MORE MONEY FOR THE SAMSI PUBLIC HEALTH  
9 DEPARTMENT THAT DEALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THEY ONLY GET  
10 \$270,000, WHICH IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT ALL THEIR OTHER  
11 DEPARTMENTS GET.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
14 UP ELLIE STABECH. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** I AM MARSHAL TEMPLE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
17 THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. I APPRECIATE THE DISTRICT  
18 ATTORNEY'S REPORT AND HER PRESENTATION AND HER WORK. I AM  
19 CONCERNED THAT THERE IS NOT MEDICAL SUPERVISION AT THE CRISIS  
20 STABILIZATION CENTERS OR THE SOBERING CENTERS BECAUSE A MAN  
21 MIGHT BE COMBATIVE BECAUSE HE IS CONFUSED OR FRIGHTENED OR  
22 BECAUSE HE JUST HAD A STROKE OR SEIZURE OR HEAD INJURY. LAW  
23 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO MAKE MEDICAL  
24 DIAGNOSES. ALSO, THE SOBERING CENTERS CAN BE DANGEROUS. PEOPLE  
25 DETOXING FROM ALCOHOL MAY SUFFER A SEIZURE AND DIE. THERE'S

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1 ALSO NO MENTION OF WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM  
2 HOMELESS, AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN STABILIZED. ARE THEY RETURNED  
3 TO THE STREET? IF NOT, WHERE DO THEY GO? THE 5150, WHERE DO  
4 THEY GO? EVEN IF THEY GET 14 DAYS OF TREATMENT WHERE DO THEY  
5 GO? THERE'S A WASTED OPPORTUNITY HERE TO GET PEOPLE WITH  
6 MENTAL ILLNESS INTO THE CARE AND TREATMENT THEY NEED, HOUSING,  
7 HEALTHCARE AND JOBS SO THEY CAN RECOVER SUCCESSFULLY AND LIVE  
8 IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALSO CALL UP  
11 SUSAN BURTON. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **SUZETTE SHAW:** PETE WHITE HAS DEFERRED HIS TIME TO ME. AGAIN MY  
14 NAME IS SUZETTE SHAW AND I AM A SKID ROW RESIDENT. I AM A  
15 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S ACTION COALITION MEMBER AS WELL. I HAVE BEEN  
16 HERE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 7:40 A.M. THIS MORNING. SHORTENING  
17 OUR TIME AFTER WE HAVE BEEN VERY PATIENT WITH THIS BOARD SHOWS  
18 A COMPLETE DISRESPECT AND DISREGARD FOR THE VOICE OF THE  
19 PEOPLE. CLEARLY THIS BOARD AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY ARE NOT  
20 AT ALL INTERESTED IN THE IDEAS AND OPINIONS OF THE COMMUNITY  
21 WHEN PEOPLE GET UP AND LEAVE BEFORE THE PEOPLE HAVE ACTUALLY  
22 HAD A CHANCE TO PUT THEIR INPUT. ON JULY 15, 2015, DISTRICT  
23 ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY WAS QUOTED IN THE L.A. TIMES AS SAYING  
24 THE PERCENTAGE OF INMATES IN COUNTY JAILS WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL  
25 HAS INCREASED BY 89 PERCENT SINCE 2011 WITH MOST OF THESE



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1 INDIVIDUALS BEING CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR CRIMES. PROP 47  
2 CLEARLY SHOWS THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED AND JAILS FOR  
3 CRIMES THAT WERE PETTY. CLEARLY JIM CROW PENALIZATION IS ONLY  
4 FURTHER ERODING AND EXACERBATING THE MENTAL PHYSICAL STATES OF  
5 INDIVIDUALS. MR. JENKINS WAS CORRECT EARLIER IN REGARDS TO THE  
6 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS A PLANTATION. TRESHON KERRY IS A  
7 PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THE FACT THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING. MY  
8 RECOMMENDATION IS DIVERTING PEOPLE TOTALLY WAY FROM THE  
9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. DIVERSION SHOULD BE A TOTAL FOR  
10 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHEILA  
13 PINKLE AND PETE WHITE.

14

15 **DANIELLE WILDKRESS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DANIELLE WILDKRESS,  
16 I'M THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES PROGRAM AT THE  
17 CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I WANT TO THANK THE  
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE LACEY FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND VISION  
19 AND COMMEND HER FOR TAKING A SYSTEM VIEW OF THIS IMPORTANT  
20 ISSUE. WE SUPPORT THE DIVERSION PLAN, PARTICULARLY THOSE PARTS  
21 THAT FOCUS ON THE NEED FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE JUST NEED  
22 SOLUTIONS TO THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS AND INCARCERATION, NOT  
23 MERELY A SHORT-TERM INTERVENTION. WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE SEEN GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE JUST  
25 IN REACH PROGRAM, ONE OF THE PROGRAMS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT.

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1 IN ITS CURRENT ITERATION, THE REARREST FOR FOLKS IS AROUND 23  
2 PERCENT. RECENT C.E.O. DATA FOR A SIMILAR POPULATION IS AROUND  
3 76 PERCENT, WHICH JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW IMPORTANT THESE  
4 INVESTMENTS CAN BE. WE SUPPORT INCREASED INVESTMENT IN THE  
5 FLEXIBLE SUBSIDY HOUSING POOL WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAIN IDEAS  
6 IN THE REPORT. WE URGE THE BOARD TO HEED DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
7 JACKIE LACEY'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXPAND INVESTMENTS FOR REAL  
8 SOLUTIONS THAT ARE COST-EFFECTIVE AND MORE HUMANE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
11 UP NICHOLAS DAHMANN. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. I CAME HERE TODAY AS A MEMBER OF NAMI  
14 TO TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY  
15 FOR HER WORK IN THE DIVERSION PROGRAM. I HAVE A SON WITH A  
16 DIAGNOSIS OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND THROUGH A LOT OF WORK AND  
17 STRUGGLE, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HELP HIM GET STABLE FOR THE PAST  
18 THREE YEARS LIVING IN HIS OWN APARTMENT WITH SUPPORT PERSON,  
19 COMPLYING WITH HIS MEDICATION, HE EVEN HAS A GIRLFRIEND. HE  
20 WAS ON THE WAY TO PATH TO RECOVERY. JUST TWO MONTHS AGO, A  
21 MEDICATION CHANGE SENT HIM INTO MANIC PSYCHOSIS, NOT  
22 UNDERSTANDING WHO I WAS, HE ASSAULTED ME. NOW FOR THE VERY  
23 FIRST TIME HE IS IN JAIL. HE LOST HIS APARTMENT, HIS SUPPORT  
24 SYSTEM, HE IS DERAILED FROM THE PATH TO RECOVERY. HIS FUTURE  
25 IS UNKNOWN. I BELIEVE JACKIE LACEY'S DIVERSION PROGRAM WILL

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1   HELP PEOPLE LIKE MY SON GET TO STABILITY AGAIN. AND I WOULD  
2   LIKE TO ADD AN EMPHASIZE THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS VERY  
3   IMPORTANT IS QUALITY AND OVERSIGHT IN THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE  
4   CONTRACTED FOR OUR LOVED ONES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP WESLEY  
7   WALKER.

8

9   **SHEILA PINKLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHEILA  
10   PINKLE. I'M WITH CURB. THE SPIRIT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE  
11   DIVERSION PLAN IS ADMIRABLE, HOWEVER I'M CONCERNED ABOUT ONE  
12   PART, ONE PIECE OF IT. IT READS: "SHOULD ANY FUTURE REDUCTION  
13   IN THE JAIL POPULATION OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
14   DIVERSION PROJECT, IT WOULD ENABLE SERIOUS AND VIOLENT FELONY  
15   OFFENDERS WHO ARE NOT MENTALLY ILL TO SERVE A LONGER  
16   PERCENTAGE OF THEIR SENTENCES." HOW IS HAVING A SPACE IN JAIL  
17   JUSTIFIABLE AND CREDIBLE RATIONALE FOR EXTENDING THE DURATION  
18   OF A JAIL SENTENCE? THIS RATIONALE UNDERMINES THE CREDIBILITY  
19   OF THE SENTENCING SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT THAT PARTICULAR  
20   PIECE NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED. I AM IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH  
21   SHEILA KUEHL OVER HER CONCERN ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR STATEMENT.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

24

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1   **PETE WHITE:** GOOD MORNING, A COUPLE THINGS WHILE I SPEED READ.  
2   MARCH 1ST CHARLEY KUYANG, BROTHER AFRICA WAS KILLED BY POLICE  
3   OFFICERS IN SKID ROW. SHOT SIX TIMES. STANDING NEXT TO HIM WAS  
4   KERRY WHO PICKED UP A BATON THAT WAS DROPPED BY A POLICE  
5   OFFICER AND SCREAMED OUT FOR THEM TO NOT MURDER MR. AFRICA.  
6   SHE WAS LOCKED IN JAI FOR A MILLION DOLLARS BOND. WE CONTACTED  
7   JACKIE LACEY'S OFFICE AND TALKED ABOUT HER ADDITIONAL MENTAL  
8   HEALTH HISTORIES. JACKIE LACEY SAID THAT "WE WOULD LOOK AT HER  
9   MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY AND WE WOULD DEFINITELY WORK WITH THE  
10   COMMUNITY TO ENSURE SHE WAS NOT JAILED." SHE ALMOST WITHERED  
11   AWAY IN JAIL FOR FIVE MONTHS. WE FINALLY GOT HER OUT AND GOT  
12   HER TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE. WE NEED TO DIVEST IN JAILS. WE DON'T  
13   NEED DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT CONTINUE TO LET PEOPLE WITHER  
14   AWAY AND DIE IN THE JAILS. DIVERSION IS NOT THE ANSWER TO WHAT  
15   WE'RE FACING ON A DAILY BASIS.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL JESS HEANEY AND  
18   JOM RIVERS. YES, SIR.

19

20   **NICHOLAS DAHMANN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NICHOLAS DAHMANN. I WOULD  
21   SAY THAT SOME OF THIS IS TRUE. BY THIS I MEAN THE REPORT. BUT  
22   THE GENERAL TRUTH COVERS OVER A MORE IMPORTANT TOTALIZING LIE.  
23   AS A REMINDER, WE MIGHT NOTE THAT THERE'S ONE BLACK MAN IN THE  
24   WHITE HOUSE, TWO PERSONS OF COLOR SERVING LIFE TERMS ON THE  
25   SUPREME COURT AND OVER 100,000 BLACK MEN IN THE BIG HOUSE. THE

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1 BENEVOLENCE OF ENLIGHTENED DESPOTISM AND THE IMPERIST  
2 PATERNALISM IS TRULY IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER. WE HAVE JUST  
3 SEEN MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS CONGRATULATING THEMSELVES FOR HAVING  
4 OPERATED AND RUN FAILED INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN AT THEIR  
5 HELM AND THE GOVERNMENT THAT ACTS MORE LIKE A CONTEMPTING  
6 VILLAGE. VOLTAIRE SUGGESTED THAT "THOSE WHO CAN MAKE YOU  
7 BELIEVE ABSURDITIES CAN MAKE YOU COMMIT ATROCITIES." I'M NOT  
8 SO CYNICAL TO BE UPSET ABOUT BEING LIED IN POLITICS BUT THIS  
9 IS ABSURD. THESE LIES ARE ATROCIOUS. DIVERSION MEANS BREAKING  
10 FROM THE ORDINARY COURSE. DIVERT LITERALLY MEANS TO TURN IN A  
11 DIFFERENT DIRECTION. THIS MERELY ENCOURAGES THE ONGOING GROWTH  
12 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MATT  
15 DOON OR DONE. AND KIM MCGILL. YES, SIR.

16

17 **WESLEY WALKER:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS WESLEY WALKER. I'M MEMBER  
18 OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. MENTAL ILLNESS HAS  
19 GOT TO BE TREATED AS AN ILLNESS, A DISEASE AND NOT AS A CRIME.  
20 WE MUSTN'T CRIMINALIZE THE MENTALLY ILL. OUR RESOURCES HAVE TO  
21 BE DIRECTED TOWARD COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTION AWAY FROM  
22 JAILS. I HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF A YOUNG MAN THAT WAS SHOT DOWN ON  
23 SAN PEDRO AND 15TH BECAUSE THEY DECIDED THEY WOULD SEND A SWAT  
24 TEAM THERE INSTEAD OF A MENTAL HEALTH TEAM THERE SO WE  
25 RECOMMEND REMOVING LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM THE ROLE OF BEING A

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1 SOCIAL WORKER WITH A GUN, REPLACING THEM WITH THOSE QUALIFIED  
2 TO ASSESS AND PROVIDE SERVICES. L.A.C.A.N. HAS WORKED WITH  
3 SOME OF YOUR OFFICES AND HAS MADE HEADWAY SECURING RESOURCES  
4 TO MEET THIS GOAL. BUT WE NEED MORE THAN THAT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

7

8 **WESLEY WALKER:** AND WE DON'T NEED TO HAVE THAT HAPPEN IN 10  
9 YEARS. WE NEED IT TO HAPPEN EARLIER THAN THAT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME CALL UP MARC  
12 ANTHONY JOHNSON. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **JESS HEANEY:** MY NAME IS JESS HEANEY, I'M A MEMBER OF CRITICAL  
15 RESISTANCE AND THE MEMBER OF NO MORE JAILS COALITION AND I'D  
16 LIKE TO BUILD OFF OF WHAT THE GENTLEMAN FROM L.A.C.A.N. WAS  
17 SAYING BEFORE THAT I FIND PROBLEMATIC THAT 10 PERCENT OF THE  
18 FUNDING FOR THIS PROPOSAL GOES TOWARD LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE  
19 SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT. COPS ARE NOT MEDICS AND NEVER CAN BE. I  
20 DISAGREE THAT THE FIRST PRIORITY IS SKILL BUILDING FOR LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT. AS WE'VE SEEN THIS SUMMER, WE KNOW THAT COPS ARE  
22 NOT MEDICS. THEY ARE NOT TRAINED TO RESPOND AS THAT.  
23 ULTIMATELY THEY ARE TRAINED TO ESCALATE AND TO ARREST AND LOCK  
24 PEOPLE UP. AND THAT IS THEIR SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS. IT'S  
25 QUESTIONABLE HOW THEY WOULD INTERACT WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN

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1 IDENTIFIED OR HARASSED FOR GANG AFFILIATION OR HAVE HAD  
2 PREVIOUSY CONTACT WITH COPS OR PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS. I ALSO  
3 WONDER WHY THERE IS NOT AN INTEGRATED REENTRY SERVICE AND  
4 EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN THIS PLAN AS THEY'RE  
5 MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO BUILD A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL, IT'S  
6 GRAVELY CONCERNING THAT THEY ARE NOT INTENTIONALLY PLANNING  
7 WOMEN'S REENTRY SERVICES AND MEDICAL PROGRAMS BUT YOU'RE  
8 PLANNING FOR A NEW JAIL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOSEPH  
11 MAIZLISH. YES, SIR.

12

13 **MATT DOON:** MY NAME IS MATT DOON AND I WORK WITH CRITICAL  
14 RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I'M A RESIDENT  
15 OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. I BELIEVE THAT THE PLAN  
16 AND THE COUNTY NEED TO FOCUS MORE FUNDING AND RESOURCES TOWARD  
17 MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION AND OUT-OF-CUSTODY TREATMENT OPTIONS  
18 FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUPPORTIVE  
19 HOUSING NEEDS. ANY PLANS TO DIVERT THOSE WITH THESE NEEDS  
20 SHOULD FOCUS ON PRETRIAL, VOLUNTARY AND HOLISTIC CARING  
21 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS. IF WE ARE TAKING PEOPLE AWAY FROM  
22 THEIR COMMUNITIES, WE'RE SEPARATING THEM FROM IMPORTANT  
23 RESOURCES THAT AIDS IN THEIR HEALING. WE ARE THROWING THEM  
24 INTO AN INSTITUTION THAT EXACERBATES THEIR CONDITION BY  
25 PUTTING THEM INTO A SITUATION OF FEAR AND VIOLENCE. I



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1 UNDERSTAND, THOUGH, WE WANT TO DIVERT FOLKS INTO MORE CARING  
2 TREATMENT, BUT HOW DOES A PLAN THAT SPENDS MORE MONEY ON  
3 SHERIFFS THAN REAL COMMUNITY BASED CARE HELP OUR COMMUNITIES  
4 AND THOSE MOST IN NEED? THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MARY SUTTON. YES,  
7 MA'AM.

8

9 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
10 COALITION AND NO MORE JAILS COALITION. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN  
11 DETAINED SEVERAL TIMES IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS I HAVE SEEN  
12 FIRSTHAND THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION ON PEOPLE  
13 WITH MENTAL CONDITIONS. AND ON ALL OF US. IF YOU GO IN WITHOUT  
14 A MENTAL CONDITION, YOU'RE LIKELY TO GET ONE. IF YOU GO IN  
15 WITH ONE, IT'S LIKELY TO BE EXACERBATED. YOU CAN'T GET WELL IN  
16 A CELL. FOR THAT REASON, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THESE CHANGES.  
17 ONE, THAT DATA COLLECTION BE CONSTANT AND TRANSPARENT AND TALK  
18 ABOUT WHY PEOPLE ARE STOPPED, WHY THEY'RE ARRESTED, WHY  
19 THEY'RE DETAINED BY RACE, GENDER, ET CETERA, AND WHETHER OR  
20 NOT THEY HAVE MENTAL CONDITIONS AND WHAT THE CHARGES WERE.  
21 SECOND, THAT THE FIRST RESPONDERS BE MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS ALONG  
22 WITH TRAINED PEACE BUILDERS, INTERVENTION WORKERS IN  
23 COMMUNITIES AND NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. GIVEN THE HIGH LEVELS OF  
24 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY USE OF FORCE WHEN THEY WERE  
25 UNARMED AND HAD MENTAL CONDITIONS. THREE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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1 PARTNERSHIP THAT PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER AND CONTINUES TO  
2 IMPLEMENT IT INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND OUR  
3 FAMILIES AS WE HAVE THE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE TO KNOW WHAT IS  
4 NEEDED INSIDE. NEXT, THAT A BAIL DIVERSION PLAN BE IMPLEMENTED  
5 BECAUSE PARTICULARLY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS  
6 OFTENTIMES ARE DENIED BAIL AND DENIED RELEASE ON THEIR OWN  
7 RECOGNIZANCE EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN  
8 RIGHT TO THAT. AND FINALLY THAT WE HAVE NO JAIL EXPANSION.  
9 THAT RATHER THAN INVESTING IN JAILS WHERE MENTAL PEOPLE WITH  
10 MENTAL CONDITIONS ARE IMPACTED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP KARL SCOTT. YES, SIR.

13

14 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MARK-  
15 ANTHONY JOHNSON, DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I THINK WE HAVE COME  
16 TO THIS POINT. I JUST WANT TO SAY LUZ FLORES HAS OFFERED HER  
17 MINUTE TO ME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT'S HER NAME? LUZ FLORES.

20

21 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** THIS REPORT OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE  
22 WAITED FOR A LONG TIME FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AROUND MENTAL  
23 HEALTH DIVERSION. AND OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A NATIONAL CRISIS  
24 THAT'S HAPPENING HERE. I THINK THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
25 IDEA THAT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTIES

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1 IN THE COUNTRY COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A JAIL REDUCTION PLAN.  
2 IT IS OUR GOAL TO BE THIRD PLACE BESIDES RIKERS ISLAND AND  
3 COOK COUNTY CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL CRISIS OF CRIMINALIZING  
4 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. IT IS OUR GOAL TO CHANGE  
5 THE PARADIGM OF HOW WE TREAT FOLKS WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
6 CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. WE'RE GOING TO SUBMIT THIS  
7 REPORT TO YOU RIGHT NOW "BREAKING THE SILENCE" AND LOOKING AT  
8 MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE OF WOMEN OF COLOR, PARTICULARLY BLACK AND  
9 BROWN WOMEN IN THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT BLACK  
10 WOMEN ARE 9 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION BUT 33 PERCENT OF THE  
11 COUNTY JAIL POPULATION AND THERE IS NO CONSISTENT DATA AROUND  
12 THE POPULATION OF BLACK WOMEN WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS.  
13 IF WE DON'T KNOW WHO'S IN THERE, WE CAN'T MONITOR THESE ABUSES  
14 AND WE CAN'T HELP THE COUNTY REALLY SEE HOW WE CAN MOVE FOLKS  
15 OUT OF THE COUNTY JAIL POPULATION. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT  
16 WE SEE THIS IS NOT A STEPPING STONE TO MORE BUILDING, NOT AS A  
17 SUPPLEMENT TO JAIL CONSTRUCTION, BUT AS AN ALTERNATIVE. THIS  
18 IS NOT ABOUT CREATING MORE ROOM AND MORE BEDS THAT CAN BE  
19 FILLED LATER ONCE THEY ARE EMPTY. THIS IS ABOUT DE-CARCERATING  
20 A SYSTEM THAT FOR THE LONGEST HAS CRIMINALIZED OUR FOLKS. SOME  
21 OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY ARE WE WANT COMPREHENSIVE DATA  
22 COLLECTION, WE WANT A SYSTEM AND A MECHANISM CREATED TO  
23 MONITOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT INSIDE THE COUNTY JAILS WITH  
24 THE POWER TO DIVERT PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY WOMEN OF COLOR, BLACK

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1 AND BROWN FOLKS WHO MAKE UP THE MAJORITY OF FOLKS WITH MENTAL  
2 HEALTH CONDITIONS INSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GUADALUPE CHAVEZ? JOSEPH?

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. THE TALKING SOUNDS  
7 GOOD. THERE'S THE TALKING AND THE DOING AND A LOT OF DISTANCE  
8 BETWEEN THEM. MARY SUTTON AND I STARTED TO LOOK OVER THE  
9 SIMILAR RECOMMENDATIONS ACTUALLY IN THE 2011 REPORT TO THE  
10 BOARD FROM THE VERA INSTITUTE. SO THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM. TWO  
11 YEARS AGO I ASKED DR. SOUTHERD WHAT IS THIS ABOUT MORE BURDEN  
12 ON THE JAILS BECAUSE PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS UNITS WERE  
13 BEING CLOSED IN THE COMMUNITY. HE SAID WELL THOSE WERE PRIVATE  
14 AND THE COUNTY DOESN'T CONTROL THAT. I DON'T CARE WHO CONTROLS  
15 IT, I WANT TO HAVE A MUCH BIGGER UPSCALING, A WORD THAT HE  
16 USED TODAY. IS ANYBODY COMFORTABLE WITH BEING A VICTIM OF A  
17 FIRST OFFENSE? I DON'T LIKE THAT ANY MORE THAN BEING A VICTIM  
18 OF A SECOND OFFENSE OF SOMEBODY WHO IS RECIDIVISING. LET'S GET  
19 OUT THERE BUT WHAT'S IT TAKE TO BUILD THESE SERVICES FOR  
20 PEOPLE BEFORE THEY OFFEND. I'M TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
21 I'D LIKE YOU TO WORK ON IT, TOO. BEFORE THEY OFFEND. A BIG  
22 EXPANSIONN IS NEEDED.

23

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD HOMES AND SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS  
2    AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S RIGHTS, RIGHT? DO UNTO OTHERS AS  
3    YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.

4

5    **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** INDEED AND YOU FOLKS ARE THE LAST RESORT FOR  
6    A SYSTEM THAT CREATES CRUSHING INEQUALITIES. AND LET'S FILL IN  
7    AND LET'S FIGHT FOR STATE AND COUNTY SPENDING THAT DOES THESE  
8    JOBS EVERYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY. OF COURSE WE'RE TOGETHER ON  
9    THAT. I SAY, THOUGH, IT'S GOING TAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS  
10   ESPECIALLY LEADERSHIP FROM GOVERNMENT. GET THOSE SERVICES OUT  
11   THERE BEFORE PEOPLE FALL IN THE HOLE.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, JOSEPH. ALSO RAYMOND LEWIS.  
14   YES, MA'AM.

15

16   **MARY SUTTON:** I'M MARY SUTTON. SUSAN BURTON WAS FORCED TO LIVE.  
17   I'LL GLADLY TAKE HER TIME. WE'RE ALLIES. IT'S NOT VERY OFTEN  
18   THAT YOU FIND ME AGREEING WITH THE CHIEF OF THE SHERIFF'S  
19   DEPARTMENT BUT I DO APPRECIATE THE SHERIFF MCDONNELL'S  
20   ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE LEVEL OF MENTAL ILLNESS IN L.A. IS  
21   RELATED TO THE BROADER DISINVESTMENT OF CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND  
22   SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY. PROGRAMS THAT ARE MORE IMPACTFUL,  
23   MORE EFFECTIVE, THEY CREATE PUBLIC SAFETY, THE LEVEL OF MENTAL  
24   ILLNESS, AND THE LEVEL OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
25   IS A SYMPTOM OF 30 YEARS OF NEOLIBERAL ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT

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1 HAVE EXTRACTED THE WEALTH, POLITICAL POWER AND PEOPLE FROM  
2 POOR COMMUNITIES. RECENTLY I'VE HAD A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL  
3 GUESTS STAY WITH ME. THEY WANT TO GO SEE VENICE. THEY WANT TO  
4 SEE THE HOLLYWOOD SIGN. THEY WANT TO GO TO THE GETTY. I TELL  
5 THEM YOU WANT TO SEE THE REAL L.A. GO DOWN TO SKID ROW AND  
6 CHECK IT OUT. THIS IS WHAT L.A. COUNTY'S DOING TO THEIR  
7 PEOPLE. THEY'VE STRIPPED THE POOR COMMUNITIES WHERE POOR  
8 PEOPLE OF COLOR LIVE AND THROWN THEM DOWN ON SKID ROW AND  
9 LOCKING THEM UP AND CYCLING THEM THROUGH THE CAGES. TAKE THEM  
10 DOWN THERE AND SHOW THEM. THEY ARE AMAZED AND SHOCKED BECAUSE  
11 IT'S NOT WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE IS  
12 MONEY ALSO. THERE IS MONEY RIGHT NOW TO START BUILDING  
13 COMMUNITIES WITH THE 50 PERCENT DOLLARS, A.B. 109, THE SHERIFF  
14 HAS GOTTEN OVER 50 PERCENT OF A BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE LAST  
15 FOUR YEARS. AND WE HAVE JUST SAT HERE AND WE HAVE TOLD YOU THE  
16 VERA INSTITUTE, JAMES AUSTIN, ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE GIVE YOU  
17 THE SOLUTIONS FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS AND YOU HAVE SAT ON IT  
18 AND PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING AND THE RATES OF HOMELESSNESS AND  
19 MENTAL ILLNESS ARE BECAUSE OF THAT AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PETER  
22 ELIASBERG AND MARK KARMATZ.

23

24 **KARL SCOTT:** MY NAME IS KARL SCOTT. I'M WITH LOS ANGELES  
25 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT ONE OF THE

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1 IMPLEMENT PRIORITIES IS THAT UNFORTUNATELY SEVERAL CONTACTS  
2 WITH MENTALLY ILL PERSONS BY PATROL PERSONNEL RESULTS IN THE  
3 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS. THAT IS A REPORT THAT CAME OUT FROM  
4 YOU GUYS. TOO MANY TIMES WE HAVE PERSONALLY WITNESSED THE  
5 REACTION AND RESULTS OF EVOKED PERSON THAT'S SURROUNDED BY TOO  
6 MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT. UNFORTUNATELY MANY RESULTS ARE  
7 UNNECESSARY IN DEATH. TO ME, FAMILY FEELS THE LOSS AND  
8 TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PAY THE MONEY. THAT'S WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT  
9 THAT THE FIRST RESPONDERS ARE NOT THE LAW ENFORCERS BUT MORE  
10 TRAINED SMART TEAMS AND PET TEAMS ARE THE FIRST ONES THERE.  
11 THIS ONE IS ALSO BASED ON THE HIGH CONCENTRATION OF KNOWN  
12 AREAS THAT HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. WE NEED TO INVEST MORE IN THE  
13 TREATMENTS AND NOT THE CRIMINALIZATION OF PEOPLE. WE AT  
14 L.A.C.A.N. HAVE BEEN BRINGING THIS TO SENSITIVE MATTER TO YOU  
15 FOR YEARS. AND WE ALSO HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE BOARD  
16 OFFICES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
19 UP BETTY HUNG. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **GUADALUPE CHAVEZ:** MY NAME IS GUADALUPE CHAVEZ. I'M A MEMBER OF  
22 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I START WITH A PRAYER TO OUR ANCESTORS  
23 TO ENLIGHTEN AND GUIDE YOUR WORK AND MINE. I SEE THIS AS A  
24 MOTHER THERAPIST AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE WHO HAS WORKED WITH  
25 FOLKS LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. WHAT CAUSES A MIND



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1 TO BREAK INTO 100 SPLINTERS TO BREAK TO NOT BE ABLE TO STAY ON  
2 ONE THOUGHT BUT JUMP FROM ONE THOUGHT TO ANOTHER, EMOTION TO  
3 EMOTION? WHAT CAUSES MANIC EPISODES, DEPRESSION BIPOLAR? I'LL  
4 TELL YOU, THE TRAUMA OF CHRONIC POVERTY, STATE VIOLENCE,  
5 SHERIFF AND POLICE VIOLENCE, CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT, WHITE  
6 SUPREMACY. THESE ARE THE DAILY LIVES OF SO MANY BLACK AND  
7 BROWN COMMUNITIES IN L.A. WHAT REAL OPTIONS AND REAL HELP DO  
8 FAMILIES HAVE, DO I HAVE TO HELP MY NEIGHBORS? THERE IS NO  
9 HELP UNLESS YOU UNLESS YOU CLAIM A 50/150 AS BEING A DANGER TO  
10 YOURSELF OR OTHERS, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH HELP IN OUR CITY. I  
11 KNOW THIS FIRSTHAND. IT'S DISGUSTING AND IT'S HEARTBREAKING.  
12 WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS RESOURCE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH SO MANY  
13 OTHER OPTIONS FOR GETTING HELP THAT THE POLICE DON'T EVER GET  
14 CALLED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP BARBARA  
17 WILSON. YES, SIR.

18

19 **MARK KARMATZ:** I'M MARK KARMATZ, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION  
20 THAT I GOT FROM THE CLEARING HOUSE IN PENNSYLVANIA. THERE'S A  
21 PROGRAM CALLED THE NATHANIEL PROJECT WHICH IS IN NEW YORK. AND  
22 THEY HAVE A PROGRAM CALLED CASES WHERE THEY INCREASE PUBLIC  
23 SAFETY THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE CRIME AND  
24 INCARCERATION AND TO IMPROVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. THE WHOLE  
25 COURT INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT

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1 THEY HAVE THERE. WITH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH JUDGES AND  
2 ATTORNEYS, PROVIDERS. COURTS INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS AND  
3 RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACHIEVE INDIVIDUAL AND POSITIVE LASTING  
4 CHANGE. THEY HAVE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES TO RESPOND TO NEEDS  
5 INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS AND THE GOVERNMENT AND STAKEHOLDERS. SO I  
6 CAN GIVE YOU THE PHONE NUMBER AND EMAILS. PHONE NUMBER IS 212-  
7 553-6708. IT'S CLINIC@CASES.ORG. THE ADDRESS IS 2090 ADAM  
8 CLAYTON POWELL, JR. BOULEVARD, FOURTH FLOOR. NEW YORK. 10027.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP.

11

12 **MARK KARMATZ:** I HOPE I HELPED OUT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP BERNICE GONZALEZ.

15 YES, PETER.

16

17 **PETER ELIASBERG:** PETER ELIASBURG FROM THE A.C.L.U. TOO MANY  
18 POLITICIANS PAT THEMSELVES ON THE BACK AND SAY BY THROWING  
19 PEOPLE IN JAIL THEY PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY. WE ACTUALLY KNOW  
20 THAT IN MIAMI THEY REDUCED THE RECIDIVISM RATE FOR PEOPLE WITH  
21 MENTAL ILLNESS FROM ABOUT 80 PERCENT, INCLUDING PEOPLE CHARGED  
22 WITH FELONIES, DOWN TO ABOUT 10 PERCENT BY DIVERTING. SO BY  
23 NOT THROWING PEOPLE IN JAIL THEY'RE INCREASING THE PUBLIC  
24 SAFETY. I'M GLAD THAT JACKIE LACEY RECOGNIZES THAT BECAUSE FOR  
25 TOO LONG POLITICIANS IN THIS COUNTY HAVE SAID AS LONG AS WE'RE

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1    THROWING THEM IN JAIL, WE'RE MAXIMIZING PUBLIC SAFETY. THE  
2    RECIDIVISM RATE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN L.A. COUNTY  
3    IS ABOUT 90 PERCENT. SO YOU HAVE NOT INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY  
4    BY JAILING PEOPLE LIKE THAT, YOU'VE UNDERMINED PUBLIC SAFETY.  
5    SECOND OF ALL, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH YOU.  
6    I DID NOT HEAR MISS LACEY SAY YOU WOULDN'T REDUCE THE NUMBER  
7    OF PEOPLE GOING TO JAIL. I HEARD HER SAY THAT WASN'T THE  
8    PURPOSE OF DOING IT. IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. BUT YOU  
9    CAN'T DIVERT PEOPLE INTO ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS WITHOUT REDUCING  
10   THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAIL. THANK  
11   YOU.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, PETER. LUZ FLORES AND JAIME  
14   GARCIA? YES, MA'AM.

15

16   **BETTY HUNG:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BETTY HUNG I'M THE POLICY  
17   DIRECTOR AT ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE LOS ANGELES. WE  
18   ALSO APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT AND EFFORT THAT HAS GONE INTO  
19   DEVELOPING THIS PLAN AND ECHO THE SENTIMENTS THAT IN URGING  
20   THE COUNTY TO BE A LEADER IN ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF  
21   OVERINCARCERATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS DIVERSION, THESE  
22   DIVERSION PROGRAMS EMPHASIZING EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH  
23   TREATMENT AND OTHER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT  
24   DIRECTION. WE JUST HAVE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS. FIRST, THAT THE  
25   PLAN ACTUALLY FOCUS EVEN MORE FUNDING AND RESOURCES TOWARDS

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1 MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION AND OUT-OF-CUSTODY TREATMENT OPTIONS  
2 FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND SUPPORTIVE  
3 HOUSING NEEDS AND SO THAT A PORTION OF THE FUNDING THAT'S  
4 CURRENTLY ALLOCATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTUALLY BE REALLOCATED  
5 TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES. SECOND, WE BELIEVE THAT DIVERSION  
6 PLANS SHOULD EMPHASIZE PRETRIAL, VOLUNTARY, HOLISTIC MENTAL  
7 HEALTHCARE IN COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS AND PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE  
8 BEEN PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE. AND, THIRD, WE ALSO RECOMMEND  
9 THAT THERE BE A QUALITY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM FOR WOMEN WITH  
10 QUALITY MEDICAL HEALTH RESOURCES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP MICHELLE ZORRILLA AND  
13 ERIC PREVEN. YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS  
16 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU ALL FOR LOOKING AT THIS VERY SERIOUS  
17 PROBLEM THAT I DEVOTED MY ENTIRE LIFE TO. I'D LIKE TO JUST  
18 TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I'LL TRY TO SPEED TALK HERE. AND  
19 THIS IS TO AS AN AMENDMENT TO PROPOSING THAT THE BOARD  
20 CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT AN OFFICE OF PUBLIC PAYEE  
21 THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
22 AND/OR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACT AS RECEIVER FOR FUNDS  
23 FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED AND NEED A PAYEE. AND THIS WOULD  
24 REALLY HELP TO PREVENT PEOPLE WHO HAVE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS,  
25 WHO DOUBLE DIP. IT WOULD ALSO HELP ELDERLY PARENTS WHO ARE

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1 CURRENTLY BEING ABUSED AND SOMETIMES TERRORIZED BY A FAMILY  
2 MEMBER WHO FORGETS THAT THEY'VE ALREADY GOTTEN THEIR MONEY. IT  
3 ALSO WOULD HELP TO PROTECT THEM FROM PEOPLE DEFRAUDING THEM.  
4 THAT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ELDER ABUSE BY FAMILY MEMBERS IS A  
7 SERIOUS ISSUE THAT WE HAVE. I INITIATED THE ELDER ABUSE  
8 HOTLINE MANY YEARS AGO AND IT'S BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN PROVIDING  
9 RELIEF FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED. BUT A LOT OF  
10 THEM ARE BEING ABUSED DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE TELEPHONE TO  
11 MAKE THOSE CALLS. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEPHON  
12 BECKAM AND ESTHER LIM. YES, SIR.

13

14 **JAIME GARCIA:** JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF  
15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK COUNTY  
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN PREPARING  
17 THIS REPORT. IT WAS AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS THAT INVITED  
18 STAKEHOLDERS TO WEIGH IN ON HOW BEST TO DEVELOP A PRE-BOOKING  
19 DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT DELIVERS CARE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OF  
20 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. FOR THIS PROGRAM TO SUCCEED AS YOU ALL  
21 KNOW AND WE HEARD THIS AFTERNOON IT WILL REQUIRE LONG TERM  
22 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT. INVESTMENTS MUST BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT  
23 A ROBUST OUTPATIENT PROGRAM THAT PROACTIVELY REACHES OUT TO  
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET CRITERIA AND REALLY ENGAGES INDIVIDUALS  
25 SO THAT THEY CAN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE TREATMENT. THIS MUST BE

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1 COMPLIMENTED WITH ADEQUATE HOUSING THAT MEETS THE INDIVIDUAL  
2 NEEDS OF THE PATIENT OR THE INDIVIDUAL. FAILURE TO PROVIDE  
3 THIS REALLY WILL RESULT IN INDIVIDUALS BEING TAKEN TO  
4 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS WHICH CURRENTLY ALREADY ARE STRUGGLING  
5 WITH PLACEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY,  
6 PARTICULARLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND WHO  
7 ARE HOMELESS. AND THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FOR HOSPITALS.  
8 SO I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND IN CLOSING WOULD ALSO LIKE  
9 TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE D.A. FOR INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL  
10 TO HAVE SOBRIETY, SOBERING CENTERS IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
13 RUTH SARNOFF. MR. PREVEN?

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
16 DISTRICT 3. AND I WOULD THANK THE GROUP FOR WORKING HARDER IN  
17 THE FUTURE. THIS HAS TAKEN AN ENTIRE YEAR. THIS IS A CONFUSING  
18 DIVERSION REPORT WHICH SOUNDS VERY SIMILAR TO 2011. THOUGH I  
19 APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT, I MUST TELL YOU WE STILL DON'T HAVE A  
20 CHAIR. THE GENTLEMAN JUST TALKED ABOUT THE PREBOOKING  
21 DIVERSION PROGRAM. THERE IS NO CHAIR OF THAT GROUP. SO A  
22 HEADLESS ORGANIZATION MEANS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. AND WHEN I  
23 HEAR THAT EIGHT CODEPLOYED TEAMS IN THE L.A.P.D. OR 60 OR  
24 SOMETHING AND WE HAVE 8 IN THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I  
25 ASK MYSELF WHAT IS GOING ON? WHERE IS IT THE SHERIFF HAS AN

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1 ARMY OF INDIVIDUALS. HE CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO MATCH THEM  
2 WITH MARV SOUTHARD'S TEAM SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AT LEAST AN  
3 ACCEPTABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE OUT THERE GETTING THESE PEOPLE OFF  
4 THE STREET? AND LET ME JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT URGENT CARE,  
5 OKAY? URGENT CARE IS CRITICAL, BUT OUR PROBLEM GOES WAY BEYOND  
6 24 HOURS. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH MENTAL HEALTH, THE BIGGEST  
7 PROBLEM IS THEY DON'T TAKE THE MEDICINE. SO WE NEED SOMETHING  
8 THAT ACTS BEYOND 24 HOURS. IT WILL HELP ALLEVIATE PRESSURE ON  
9 THE EMERGENCY ROOMS. DO NOT GET ME WRONG. IT'S A GOOD IDEA.  
10 BUT COME ON.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS ALLISON. YES, SIR.

13

14 **STEPHON BECKAM:** MY NAME IS STEPHON BECKAM AND MY WIFE NYSHAN  
15 BECKAM. I'VE BEEN MARRIED TO THIS LADY FOR 20 YEARS AND I'M  
16 GOING TO SPEAK ON THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM. THEY MADE AN  
17 ARGUMENT FOR US FOR OUR CHILD CASE THEY WOULD NOT GIVE MY KIDS  
18 TO MY WIFE BECAUSE OF HER MENTAL CONDITION. SHE'S NEVER BEEN  
19 IN JAIL EVER, NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE FOR THIS. IT AIN'T NO RE-  
20 OCCURRING GETTING IN TROUBLE. NEVER. SO HOW DO SHE GET  
21 VICTIMIZED BY A SYSTEM THAT KEEPS ON ATTACKING HER ABOUT HER  
22 MENTAL CONDITION, BUT THESE PEOPLE JUST MADE AN ARGUMENT  
23 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY SHE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM BECAUSE THERE IS  
24 PLENTY OF PEOPLE KEEP COMING TO JAIL, KEEP GOING TO JAIL  
25 BECAUSE THEY GOT MENTAL PROBLEMS AND SHE AIN'T NEVER BEEN TO



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1 JAIL FOR A MENTAL PROBLEM. SO HOW ARE WE NOT GETTING OUR KIDS  
2 BACK BEHIND SOMEBODY WANT TO HOLD ON TO A MENTAL PROBLEM. AND  
3 FURTHERMORE THEY'RE TRYING TO TURN MY SIX-YEAR-OLD INTO HAVING  
4 A MENTAL PROBLEM BY PUMPING HIM WITH PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS THAT  
5 HE NEVER HAD.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP NYSHAN  
8 BECKHAM. YES, MISS LIM?

9

10 **ESTHER LIM:** ESTHER LIM WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN  
11 CALIFORNIA TALKING ABOUT THE C.I.T. TRAINING. I THINK THE  
12 TRAINING IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER FROM THE REPORTS SAID THAT IT  
13 WOULD TAKE SIX YEARS TO TRAIN ALL THE PATROL DEPUTIES. THAT'S  
14 OBVIOUSLY A LARGE CONCERN IN THAT WE HAVE ISSUES RIGHT NOW.  
15 AND FOR SIX YEARS IS AN INCREDIBLY LONG TIME. THE OTHER IS  
16 INSURING THAT THE TRAINING ACTUALLY TURNS INTO EVERYDAY  
17 PRACTICE INSTEAD OF HAVING THE DEPUTIES RELY ON OLD BEHAVIORS.  
18 WITH NO OVERSIGHT, WE ARE ABSOLUTELY WASTING RESOURCES. ALSO,  
19 THE QUALITY OF THE DEPUTIES THAT WE HIRE IS ALSO INCREDIBLY  
20 IMPORTANT. EVEN IF YOU TRAIN THESE DEPUTIES, IF THEY'RE NOT  
21 PUTTING INTO PLAY THE TRAINING THAT THEY RECEIVE, THAT'S AN  
22 ISSUE AS THEY WILL BE TARGETING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY,  
23 ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. AND WE ALSO -- THERE IS  
24 NO OVERSIGHT THAT THE TRAINING WAS ACTUALLY PUT INTO PLACE. WE  
25 DO KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STILL HAS A LOT OF

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1 CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE. I THINK IT'S INCREDIBLY  
2 IMPORTANT THAT NOT ONLY ARE THE DEPUTIES BEING TRAINED BUT  
3 THEY ARE USING THE TRAINING OUT ON THE STREETS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. IF YOU LOOK AROUND, WE REALLY  
8 DON'T HAVE A SHORTAGE OF HOUSING. WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF  
9 INABILITY TO FUND THE NECESSARY REFURBISHING AND REPLUMBING OF  
10 THE EXISTING HOUSING. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT IN THE L.A.  
11 TIMES RECENTLY, WE HAVE ALMOST A HALF A MILLION VACANT UNITS  
12 IN THE SIX SOUTHERN COUNTIES HERE. IT'S A REGIONAL PROBLEM.  
13 AND HOMELESSNESS IS A REGIONAL PROBLEM. AND I WOULD SAY NO  
14 MORE JAILS. I THINK THAT WE NEED THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS TO BE  
15 GOING OUT AND BE THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND NOT THE L.A.P.D. OR  
16 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND I THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** MISS SARNOFF I AGREE WITH YOU WHEN YOU SAID THE  
21 D.M.H. FOR MENTAL HEALTH NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE. I'M A D.M.H.  
22 CUSTOMER, PATIENT, I'VE CALLED DR. SOUTHARD'S OFFICE PLENTY OF  
23 TIMES. I'VE BEEN DENIED SOME SERVICES BECAUSE I DON'T LOOK  
24 LIKE A TYPICAL HOMELESS PERSON OR I DON'T HAVE THIS CERTAIN  
25 LOOK LIKE A PERSON WHO'S PSYCHOTIC. I TAKE THIS ONE TO WAKE

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1 UP. I TAKE THIS ONE TO GO TO SLEEP. I TAKE THIS FOR MY ASTHMA.  
2 THIS FOR MY ASTHMA. GET INJECTIONS FOR THE PHYSICAL  
3 DISABILITIES. WHEN I'M ON ALL THESE MEDICATIONS, IT DOES  
4 EXACERBATE MY ANXIETY. I APPRECIATE THE COMMENT THAT MISS  
5 MARSHA TEMPLE MADE WHEN SHE SAID ONE MIGHT BE ASSUMED TO BE  
6 COMBATIVE FROM THE FEAR. I HAVE SHARED WITH YOU GUYS SEVERAL  
7 TIMES THAT I AM A D.V. SUFFERER AND SURVIVOR. I HAVE SHARED  
8 WITH YOU ALL THAT I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS. I HAVE GONE TO  
9 D.P.S.S. I'M SORRY I'M GOING OVER LITTLE BIT. I HAVE SPOKE  
10 WITH MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MISS AUSTRIA? SHE'S VERY RUDE  
11 AND COMBATIVE. YOU DON'T TELL SOMEONE WITH P.T.S.D., ANXIETY  
12 AND ALL THESE OTHER ISSUES "YOU NEED TO DO THIS, YOU NEED TO  
13 DO THAT." KEEP US DIGNIFIED. I'M SO TIRED OF HEARING HOW I  
14 LOOK. NOT TO SOUND NARCISSISTIC BUT UNDER THIS MAKEUP I DON'T  
15 LOOK LIKE I'VE HAD 250 STITCHES AND A SPLEEN REPAIR. I DON'T  
16 LOOK LIKE I'VE HAD MY HEAD BUSTED OPEN AND REPAIRED. I DON'T  
17 LOOK LIKE I'VE HAD BUSTED EAR DRUMS FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.  
18 I'M SO TIRED OF THE STEREOTYPES.

19

20 **NYSHAN BECKAM:** MY NAME IS NYSHAM BECKHAM. I'M HERE AS WELL TO  
21 SPEAK ABOUT THE STIGMA THAT HAS HARASSED ME MY WHOLE LIFE AS  
22 WELL AS I'VE BEEN HARASSED BY THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM MY WHOLE  
23 LIFE. I'M BIPOLAR SCHIZOPHRENIC WITH MULTIPLE PERSONALITY  
24 DISORDER AS WELL AS I HAVE FIBROMYALGIA AND GALLBLADDER  
25 DISORDER. AND ON TOP OF THAT, I WAS BORN WITH CEREBRAL

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1 GIGANTISM. ALSO KNOWN AS SOTOS SYNDROME. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FLY  
2 UNDER THE RADAR DUE TO MY LOVING HUSBAND OF 20 YEARS STEPHON  
3 BACKAM AND THE CARING OF MY SIX SMALL CHILDREN THAT KEEP ME  
4 STABLE. THAT'S WHAT WORKS FOR ME WITH MY MENTAL ILLNESS. I'VE  
5 UNDERGONE TREATMENT WITH MANY DIFFERENT COCKTAILS OF DRUGS.  
6 I'VE GONE TO THERAPISTS. AND THAT'S NOT WHAT WORKS FOR ME. AND  
7 EVERY TIME THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE SAYS WORKS FOR ME, BUT I  
8 KNOW WHAT WORKS BEST FOR ME. I HAVEN'T BEEN IN TROUBLE. I  
9 STAYED OUT OF TROUBLE. I'M A GREAT PERSON. AN EXCELLENT MOM. A  
10 WONDERFUL WIFE. CAN SOMEBODY JUST GIVE ME A BREAK, A PAT ON  
11 THE BACK AND LET ME GO ON MY WAY?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
14 DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS, MICHAEL JENKINS AND NICOLE PARSON AFTER  
15 MR. SACHS. MR. SACHS?

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
18 AND JUST A COUPLE THINGS. FASCINATING. I HEARD JACKIE LACEY  
19 SAY THAT THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT'S GOING TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO  
20 TRY AND OVERCOME DECADES OF NEGLECT. WELL, DECADES IS 20  
21 YEARS, MINIMUM. AND YET THE ELECTED OFFICIALS SITTING AROUND  
22 THE HORSESHOE HAVE BEEN IN GOVERNMENT OVER 20 YEARS  
23 INDIVIDUALLY. SO THE NEGLECT IS DONE BY THE OFFICIALS SITTING  
24 RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU. SO WHAT LIGHT WENT ON? MISS SOLIS SAID  
25 THE BUDGET, SHE'S BEEN IN OFFICE FOR EIGHT MONTHS. YOUR BUDGET

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1 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR LAST YEAR WAS \$2 BILLION A MONTH, MISS  
2 SOLIS. SO IN 8 MONTHS YOU SPENT \$16 BILLION. AND MR. RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT 26 BILLION LAST WEEK WHEN HE  
4 WAS TALKING ABOUT THE RAISES. THE PHRASEOLOGY THAT'S TOSSED  
5 AROUND HERE, "COMMUNITY-BASED ORIENTED THINGS" SO MUCH  
6 POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AND POLITICAL CORRECTNESS DEFINED AS  
7 PICKING UP A TURD FROM THE CLEAN END.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MISS WILLIAMS.

10

11 **DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** YES, I'M GOING TO TAKE MR. JENKINS' ONE  
12 MINUTE SO IT GIVES ME TWO MINUTES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

15

16 **DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK  
17 I'M JUST AS EDUCATED, VERY EXPERIENCED, I'VE BEEN A FREELANCE  
18 COLUMNIST WITH COLUMNS THAT HAVE APPEARED ALL AROUND THE WORLD  
19 FROM "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES" TO NEWSPAPERS IN THE CONTINENT OF  
20 AFRICA. I'M NOT AN IGNORANT PERSON. I LISTENED VERY CLOSELY TO  
21 MISS LACEY'S REPORT AND FIND IT IN MANY RESPECTS AN  
22 ABOMINATION IN SOME OF THE GAPS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THE  
23 REPORT. IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN SIT UP THERE ALL THEY  
24 WANT AND CONGRATULATE HER ON PRODUCING A REPORT AND THE  
25 SHERIFF PUTTING FORTH HIS TWO CENTS. BUT THERE ARE MANY

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1 MISSING ISSUES IN THIS REPORT THAT HAVE BEEN VERBALLY  
2 EXPRESSED BY MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME FORWARD. AND LET ME SAY  
3 THAT THE TRAINING MISS LACEY STARTS AT YOUR DEPARTMENT. IN THE  
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY PLANTATION THAT WE LIVE ON, THERE IS A CASE  
5 GOING ON NOW, MICHELLE JENKINS VERSUS THE PEOPLE, WHERE SHE  
6 WAS BIPOLAR, 6 MONTHS PREGNANT AND APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE  
7 ANDREW COOPER BECAUSE SHE THREW AN APPLE AT THE GROUP  
8 HOMEOWNER. AN APPLE. OKAY? SHE'S BIPOLAR. NEVER HAD ANY KIND  
9 OF TREATMENT. THE REALITY IS THAT SHE SHOULD NOT BE BEFORE HIM  
10 TO BE GOING TO JAIL. SHE SHOULD BE GOING BEFORE HIM TRYING TO  
11 FIGURE OUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT HER BIPOLAR COCKTAIL  
12 AND WHAT ELSE SHE NEEDS. THE TRAINING STARTS WITH YOUR PEOPLE.  
13 BEFORE THEY GIVE YOU A DOLLAR, BEFORE THEY GIVE YOU A DIME,  
14 YOU NEED TO EDUCATE YOUR PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND YOU NEED TO  
15 EDUCATE YOUR JUDGES IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. I'M NOT  
16 EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT GET SHOT DEAD ON THE  
17 STREET. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ONES THAT ARE IN YOUR COURTROOM  
18 TODAY THAT YOU LOCK UP IN JAIL THAT DON'T NEED TO BE LOCKED UP  
19 THAT YOU THREATEN THAT DON'T TO BE THREATENED. I THINK YOUR  
20 REPORT IS AN ABOMINATION AND HAS MANY HOLES AND YOU NEED TO GO  
21 BACK AND REALLY TIGHTEN IT UP. AND I'M A PROFESSIONAL WRITER,  
22 I KNOW. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MISS WILLIAMS. NICOLE  
25 PARSON?

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1

2 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO, SO WE'RE GOING TO USE BOOK FOR THIS  
3 TODAY. SO WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE LOSSES. IT'S ABOUT LIKE THE  
4 PEOPLE THAT DON'T GO TO JAIL AND THE PEOPLE IN THE WHITE  
5 SHIRTS THAT JUST TESTIFIED LIKE MAYBE LIKE AN INTERVIEW FOR  
6 MRS. LACEY AND MY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. SORRY. TO ORDER  
7 RESTITUTION TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT AND TO THE CAPITAL  
8 ASSETS BUT IN THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, IT'S JUST LIKE THE ONE  
9 BUT IT'S FOR THE FEDERAL AND THAT'S WHO IT'S GETTING STOLEN  
10 FROM THE FEDERAL TAX AND THAT'S WHERE A.B.109 CAME FROM  
11 BECAUSE THIS IS LIKE A DRAIN BUT LIKE THE TOP HALF IT'S  
12 INSPECTION, ADMINISTRATION AND I PUT SOME BUSINESS COMPLIANCE  
13 AND DATA. THE CHIEF COUNSEL, THEY HAVE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO  
14 WHICH IS FEDERAL AND SO THEY DO ALL CRIMES BUT IT SAYS THE  
15 DEPRECIATION OF NONDEPRECIABLE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, NICOLE. THANK YOU. SO  
18 MOTION TO MOVE AND RECEIVE AND FILE. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO  
19 ORDERED. NEXT UP, S-3?

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MR. MAYOR, ON THIS ITEM, S-3 WAS A REPORT  
22 BACK THAT WAS REQUESTED ABOUT 45 DAYS AGO. AND SO WE DO HAVE  
23 H.M.A. HERE WHO WILL PRESENT THE REPORT AND I'LL ASK THEM TO  
24 GO AHEAD AND START.

25



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1    **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LINDA  
2    FALLUNWEIDER AND WILL BE SPEAKING WITH MY COLLEAGUE CURTIS  
3    PULITZER. WE WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE CONSOLIDATED  
4    CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY, THE C.C.T.F. IN THE CONTEXT  
5    OF ITS IMPORTANT CRITICAL ROLE THAT IT PLAYS IN THE DELIVERY  
6    OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY AND IN  
7    PARTICULAR TO YOUR MOST VULNERABLE AND DISENFRANCHISED  
8    POPULATIONS, PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, PHYSICAL ILLNESS  
9    AND/OR SUBSTANCE ABUSING. PERSONS WHO ARE IN MANY CASES  
10   HOMELESS AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MOVE THROUGH THE CRIMINAL  
11   JUSTICE SYSTEM.

12

13   **CURTIS PULITZER:** WE COMMEND AND THANK THE BOARD FOR INITIATING  
14   THE SHORT AND VERY IMPORTANT STRATEGICALLY TIMED STUDY. THE  
15   COUNTY HAS STARTED TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO ADDRESS AND SOLVE  
16   THESE VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNITY HEALTH ISSUES. WE ARE  
17   PRESENTING TO YOU TODAY OUR DATA, OUR ANALYSIS, OUR  
18   CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE HAVE TAKEN A SYSTEMS  
19   APPROACH AND PROVIDING YOU THE FOUNDATION TO CONTINUE MOVING  
20   FORWARD WITH THE INITIATIVE YOU ALL HAVE STARTED. WE APPLAUD  
21   THE COOPERATION WE HAVE WITNESSED AND THANK THE LEADERSHIP AND  
22   STAFF AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND C.E.O.'S OFFICE, PUBLIC  
23   WORKS, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
24   HEALTH AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED  
25   QUITE A BIT IN A BRIEF AMOUNT OF TIME. AND I'M VERY HAPPY AND

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1 GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS  
2 WITH YOU TODAY.

3

4 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** I SHARE WITH YOU THE NAMES OF OUR TEAM  
5 MEMBERS, THOSE THAT ARE HERE AND SOME THAT ARE NOT HERE TODAY.  
6 OUR TEAM INCLUDED A PHYSICIAN, TWO NURSE PRACTITIONERS, A  
7 PSYCHOLOGIST, A MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN, A NURSE, AN  
8 ARCHITECT, A STATISTICIAN AND AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST. WE REPRESENT  
9 AS A WHOLE MEMBERS WITH DECADES OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
10 EXPERIENCE, CORRECTIONAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE AND INMATE  
11 POPULATION EXPERIENCE. FOR YOUR REVIEW, JUST THE THREE  
12 DELIVERABLES. AND THIS WILL BE THE ORDER, WHICH IS DIFFERENT  
13 THAN THE ORDER THAT WE RECEIVED THEM AS DELIVERABLES. WE'LL BE  
14 LOOKING AT LEGISLATIVE IMPACT AND THE C.C.T. POPULATION  
15 ANALYSIS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND DIVERSION. WANTED  
16 TO START WITH ACTUALLY TO FILL YOU IN THAT IN ORDER FOR US TO  
17 DO THIS WORK, WE HAD TO CREATE A RELATIONAL DATABASE WHERE ONE  
18 HAS NEVER EXISTED BEFORE FOR THE JAIL AND THE HEALTH SYSTEMS  
19 WITHIN THE JAIL. AND WE WANTED TO GIVE YOU A REPRESENTATION OF  
20 HOW THAT APPEARED. WE LOOKED AT OVER 6 MILLION ROWS OF DATA TO  
21 DO THIS. WE REVIEWED OVER 296 DATA FILES, SOME THAT WERE  
22 UPLOADED AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK. IN ALL 10-1/2 YEARS OF  
23 SUMMARY DATA. WE LOOKED AT RECORDS FOR EVERY INMATE FOR THE  
24 LAST 5-1/2 YEARS OR OVER 755,000 INMATES STAYS. TO CREATE THE  
25 DATABASE, WE HAD TO FIND MARKERS IN ONE OF THESE AREAS THAT

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1 WOULD CONNECT INMATES TO EACH OTHER. CURRENTLY, THE  
2 CORRECTIONS INFORMATION IS NOT CONNECTED DIRECTLY WITH MENTAL  
3 HEALTH DATA OR WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH DATA, MANUAL  
4 PROCESSES WERE USED TO COLLECT DATA. AND THE REPORT THAT YOU  
5 SEE, THE INFORMATION THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GATHER FROM THIS WAS  
6 RELIANT ON ALL THOSE DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES THAT I'VE TALKED  
7 ABOUT. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CREATE DATA IN THIS WAY, WE HAD  
8 SOME VERY STRONG DATA, AS WELL, FROM THE CORRECTIONS SIDE, BUT  
9 SOME ASSUMPTIONS HAVE TO BE MADE FOR ANALYSIS. WE DID RELY  
10 ALSO ON OUR EXPERIENCE, AS WELL, TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE  
11 MOVING IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION. SOME OF THE LIMITATIONS THAT  
12 WE HAVE IS CURRENTLY THERE'S NO ACUITY MARKERS FOR MENTAL OR  
13 PHYSICAL HEALTH DATA. I'LL TALK ABOUT WHY THAT'S IMPORTANT.  
14 AND THE USE OF SNAPSHOTS. SOME DATA WAS NOT AVAILABLE. THE  
15 EXAMPLE IS DETOX. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT, AS WELL. AND WE HAD  
16 TO CREATE THIS DATABASE IN A SHORT TIME. THERE'S ALSO VERY  
17 LIMITED INFORMATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE WITHIN THE JAIL. SO  
18 WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THE LEGISLATIVE IMPACT ON THE L.A.  
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

20

21 **CURTIS PULITZER:** SO WHILE THAT WAS ACTUALLY TASK 3 IN YOUR  
22 RESOLUTION TO PUT ALL THE RECOMMENDATION IN CONTEXT WE WANTED  
23 TO START WITH THIS OUR ANALYSIS RELATIVE TO THE OVERALL  
24 POPULATION. AND SOME OF THE IMPACTS, SOME OF THE INITIATIVES  
25 THAT HAVE COME DOWN THE PIKE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS HAVE HAD ON

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1 THE JAIL POPULATION AND ITS GROWTH. WHAT WE DID IS WE DID AN  
2 INMATE POPULATION FORECAST. WE HAD TO ACTUALLY PROJECT OUT UP  
3 TO A 20-YEAR FORECAST. AGAIN, ANYTHING BEYOND SORT OF A 10-  
4 YEAR WINDOW IS CRYSTAL BALLING IT. BUT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES,  
5 AS YOU KNOW, PROJECTS TAKE A LONG TIME TO GET COMPLETED AND  
6 IMPLEMENTED SO WE DID A LONG-RANGE FORECAST AND THEN WE TESTED  
7 THE PROP 47 IMPACTS ON THE FORECAST, SPLIT THEM BEFORE A.B.  
8 1468 THE EARNED CREDIT WHICH IS A.B.624 AND A.B.109 WHICH ARE  
9 THE INMATES THAT WILL COME TO YOU THROUGH REALIGNMENT. WHAT  
10 THIS CHART SHOWS IS THE BLUE LINE IS THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL  
11 POPULATION GROWING BETWEEN 2015 AND 2035 AND THE UP AND DOWN  
12 LINES HERE ARE THE JAIL POPULATION, THE FLUCTUATIONS  
13 REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT WE ACTUALLY SEE IN THE JAIL POPULATION.  
14 THE ACTUAL FORECAST FOR THE JAIL POPULATION, THIS IS ANOTHER  
15 VIEW OF THE SAME SLIDE, SHOWS THE HISTORICAL. THIS IS THE BLUE  
16 IS THE ACTUAL. A.D.P. STANDS FOR AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF  
17 THE JAIL SYSTEM. THE FORECAST IS THE ORANGE LINE. AND IT  
18 MIRRORS AT THIS POINT FORWARD WE'RE NOW GOING FORWARD INTO THE  
19 FUTURE TO THE YEAR 2035. A.B.109 IMPLEMENTATION STARTS AROUND  
20 YEAR 2011. THERE WAS A DROP IN YOUR POPULATION AT THAT POINT  
21 DUE TO VARIOUS FACTORS. AND THEN ANOTHER DROP WHEN PROP 47 IS  
22 IMPLEMENTED HERE. THE UP AND DOWNS YOU SEE HERE, THE SQUIGGLES  
23 REALLY RELATE TO THE FORECAST MODEL. IT WAS A SIMULATION MODEL  
24 THAT WAS DEVELOPED OF YOUR INMATE POPULATION IS REFLECTIVE OF  
25 SOME OF THE UPS AND DOWNS THAT YOU TYPICALLY SEE AND HAVE SEEN

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1 IN THE JAIL POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY. THE ACTUAL NUMBERS ARE  
2 IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND. WHAT WE DID IS BROKE DOWN THE  
3 POPULATION INTO NON-A.B.109S AND A.B.109S AND A BASE  
4 PROJECTION WHICH ADDS THE TWO TOGETHER. THE NON-A.B.109S IN  
5 THE FIRST COLUMN, THOSE ARE THOSE INMATES THAT WILL BE COMING  
6 TO L.A. COUNTY IF A.B.109S BUT DID NOT HAPPEN. THESE ARE L.A.  
7 COUNTY-RESPONSIBLE INMATES. THE NEXT COLUMN ARE THE A.B.109S  
8 PULLED OUT OF THE SEPARATE NUMBER. AND THE BASE PROJECTION IS  
9 A THIRD COLUMN. NOW THE THIRD COLUMN IS IMPORTANT. THAT NUMBER  
10 REPRESENTS THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION. JAILS WORK ON  
11 AVERAGES. JAILS HAVE TREMENDOUS FLUCTUATIONS. JAILS MUST DEAL  
12 WITH CLASSIFICATION. SO THE NEXT COLUMN IS WHAT WE CALL  
13 PEAKING. PEAKING REFLECTS, WAS A CALCULATED AVERAGE OF WHAT'S  
14 HAPPENED IN YOUR JAIL SYSTEM OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO  
15 ACCOUNT FOR THE FLUCTUATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR JAIL SYSTEM ON  
16 A MONDAY AFTER A BUSY WEEKEND IS NOT THE SAME AS IT IS ON A  
17 WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. SO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE  
18 JAIL MANAGERS HAVE TO HAVE ENOUGH SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO BE  
19 ABLE TO DEAL WITH THOSE FLUCTUATIONS. NOW YOU DON'T PLAN FOR  
20 THE MAXIMUM BUT THIS IS AN AVERAGE PEAKING. CLASSIFICATION  
21 ALSO VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT. THAT CLASSIFICATION IS THE  
22 PROCESS WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE JAIL PLACES  
23 PEOPLE SAFELY AND SECURELY WITHIN A PARTICULAR HOUSING AREA.  
24 THEY HAVE A SYSTEM CALLED COMPASS, WHICH IS A CLASSIFICATION  
25 SYSTEM. AND JUST TO USE AN EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE A GANG MEMBER

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1 WHO IS IN A FOUR-BED ROOM IN ONE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH UNITS,  
2 YOU CANNOT PLACE ANOTHER PERSON IN THOSE FOUR-BED ROOM. THOSE  
3 THREE EXTRA BEDS GO VACANT. SO THE ABILITY TO HAVE ANY  
4 ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE CLASSIFICATION NEEDS OF  
5 A SYSTEM IS IMPORTANT. AGAIN THAT WAS CALCULATED AT 6.4  
6 PERCENT. SO WHAT DO THE PROJECTIONS LOOK LIKE? GOING OUT TO  
7 WELL I'LL USE 2025, WE'RE LOOKING AT A POTENTIAL -- AND I SAY  
8 POTENTIAL POPULATION OF AROUND 21,600. AND TODAY YOU ARE  
9 AROUND 17.5, 17.6. IT'S NOT AN ASTRONOMICAL GROWTH BUT A  
10 GROWTH THAT NEEDS TO BE MONITORED. WE APPLAUD ALL THE  
11 DIVERSION ALTERNATIVES THAT NEED TO BE HANDLED AND DEALT WITH  
12 AND MOVED FORWARD WITH TO KEEP THAT POPULATION THAT TREND LINE  
13 DROPPING INSTEAD OF GOING UP. THEN WE ALSO LOOKED AT THE  
14 IMPACTS AS YOU REQUESTED OF PROP 47 AND THESE OTHER  
15 INITIATIVES. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT PROP 47, THIS IS THE BASE  
16 PROJECTION I JUST REFERRED TO. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE YEAR  
17 2025, THAT 21,600 WOULD HAVE RISEN TO 24,730 HAD PROP 47 NOT  
18 BEEN IMPLEMENTED. SO THAT'S A DELTA THERE OF NEARLY 3,000  
19 BEDS. SO THE GOOD NEWS IS PROP 47 HAS HELPED TEMPER THE GROWTH  
20 OF YOUR JAIL POPULATION. AND THE NEXT COLUMN, A.B.624. A.B.624  
21 DEALS WITH THE GROWING CREDIT STATUTES THAT WENT INTO EFFECT  
22 IN SEPTEMBER 2013. AGAIN FROM THE DATA WE'VE SEEN, HAS NOT HAD  
23 A MAJOR IMPACT ALTHOUGH IT IS A REALLY GOOD PROGRAM THAT THE  
24 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT RUNS THROUGH ITS E.I.B. EDUCATION BASE  
25 PROGRAM BUT HAS NOT HAD A MAJOR IMPACT BUT HAD IT NOT

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1   HAPPENED, STILL WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN  
2   THE JAIL POPULATION. THE OTHER INITIATIVE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE  
3   SLIDE, A.B.1468, SPLIT SENTENCING, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY  
4   INSTITUTED THAT PROGRAM IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR. THE ACTUAL LAW  
5   WENT INTO EFFECT IN JANUARY. RIGHT NOW THE DATA SHOWS THAT IT  
6   HAS NOT HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE JAIL POPULATION. IT NOW  
7   REPRESENTS -- THE CENSUS COMING OUT OF L.A. COUNTY, IT ONLY  
8   REPRESENTS ABOUT 3.6 PERCENT OF TOTAL SENTENCES. AND SO FAR,  
9   BECAUSE A LOT OF YOUR POPULATION, THE PROP 47 FOLKS WOULD HAVE  
10  BEEN GREAT CANDIDATES TO GO ON SPLIT SENTENCING BUT THEY'RE  
11  GONE. THEY ARE NOT IN YOUR SYSTEM ANYMORE. SO THE VERDICT'S  
12  NOT OUT YET ON A.B.1468. BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S NOT HAVING A  
13  SERIOUS OR POSITIVE IMPACT IN REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION.

14

15  **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** SO AS WE LOOK INTO THE TREATMENT FACILITY,  
16  IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO PUT CONTEXT AROUND WHY IS HEALTH CARE  
17  IMPORTANT TO THE JAIL? WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT 90 PERCENT OF  
18  THE PEOPLE THAT ARE INCARCERATED WILL RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY.  
19  PEOPLE COME TO THIS COMMUNITY AND THEY RETURN TO THE  
20  COMMUNITY. AND IT'S WHERE THEIR CARE IS GIVEN IS A PART OF THE  
21  CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR THEM. ALSO PEOPLE ENTERED THE JAIL SICK.  
22  THEY ENTER THE JAIL WITH ACUTE DETOX. ENTER THE JAIL WITH  
23  HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT WEREN'T MET IN THE COMMUNITY AND IT  
24  CREATES RISK. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FACILITIES ARE  
25  ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE NEEDS. THIS CONTINUUM OF CARE IS A



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1 CRITICAL PIECE FOR L.A. COUNTY AS THEY LOOK TOWARDS THE CARE  
2 FOR ALL THE CITIZENS THERE. THERE IS LARGE MOVEMENT IN LARGE  
3 HEALTH SYSTEMS RECOGNIZING THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO  
4 PROBLEMS IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM MAY ENTER IN MANY DIFFERENT  
5 WAYS. THEY MAY ENTER THROUGH EMERGENCY ROOMS. AND THAT'S WHERE  
6 IT'S RECOGNIZED THEY HAVE CHRONIC DISEASES OR MENTAL ILLNESS  
7 OR THROUGH A HOSPITAL OR AMBULATORY CENTER. WE ALSO BELIEVE  
8 THAT THE JAIL IS ANOTHER AREA THAT PEOPLE ENTER YOUR ENTIRE  
9 HEALTH SYSTEM. AND THERE SHOULD BE NO WRONGDOER THAT A PERSON  
10 COMES IN THAT THEY'RE NOT CONNECTED WITH OVERALL APPROPRIATE  
11 HEALTHCARE THAT WOULD CONTINUE CARE THROUGHOUT THAT CONTINUUM  
12 OF CARE. AND ALSO IF THE HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE JAIL  
13 PROVIDE EARLY RECOGNITION OF TREATMENT, WE CAN RETURN PEOPLE  
14 TO THE COMMUNITY IN A MORE STABLE CONDITION AND LESS LIKELY,  
15 MORE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. SO SOME OF THE OVERALL FINDINGS  
16 THAT WE SAW THAT WERE IMPORTANT THAT WE WANTED TO SHARE IN THE  
17 JAIL WERE THAT AND WE WILL TALK LITTLE BIT ABOUT ACUITY IN A  
18 FUTURE SLIDE, BUT THE HIGHEST SECURITY BEDS, PARTICULARLY THE  
19 MOST AT RISK INMATES ARE NOT CURRENTLY SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE  
20 CURRENT NEEDS FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE JAIL. ALSO, THE  
21 RECEIVING AREA, WHICH IS WHERE PEOPLE ENTER THE JAIL, IS AN  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SCREENING FOR INMATES AND REALLY  
23 IDENTIFY WHAT SERVICES WOULD BE BEST TO HELP THEM AS FAR AS  
24 PATIENTS AND TO BEGIN TO START THAT ALIGNMENT OF SERVICES. AND  
25 CURRENTLY THEY'RE INADEQUATE. IN THE WOMEN'S HEALTH FACILITY,

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1 THE INITIAL SCREENING IS DONE IN A GENERAL AREA IN A POD WITH  
2 OTHER WOMEN IN THE HOUSING UNIT ABLE TO LOOK AND SEE HOW THAT  
3 OCCURS. SO AS WE TALKED IN OUR REPORT, WE WILL RECOMMEND  
4 OVERHAULING THE APPROACH TO HEALTHCARE WITHIN THE FACILITY AND  
5 THE BEDS ALIGNED WITH THIS BIGGER VISION FOR THE JAIL BEING A  
6 PART OF THAT CONTINUUM OF CARE. AND ANOTHER WE HEARD EARLIER  
7 FROM D.A. LACEY, AS WELL. THE I.T., THE INABILITY TO SHARE  
8 INFORMATION ACROSS DIFFERENT AREAS, THAT'S EVEN JUST WITHIN  
9 THE JAIL BUT OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL AND WITH OTHER PROVIDERS OF  
10 HEALTHCARE FOR PEOPLE REALLY MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO INFORM  
11 DECISIONMAKING FOR YOU. SO IT'S GOING TO BE A STRONG PIECE OF  
12 THIS. THERE'S ALSO NOT SUFFICIENT A.D.A. HOUSING OR ACCESSIBLE  
13 HOUSING WITHIN THE JAIL CURRENTLY.

14  
15 **CURTIS PULITZER:** SO WE LOOKED AT THE FORECAST FOR JUST THE  
16 MENTAL PATIENT INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND PATIENT INMATES  
17 THAT ARE MEDICALLY SICK. AND WE DID A FORECAST SEPARATE AND  
18 APART FROM THE ONE I SPOKE ABOUT A FEW MINUTES AGO. AS YOU CAN  
19 SEE FROM THE CHART, THE NUMBERS ARE RISING DRAMATICALLY.  
20 POTENTIALLY BEING A THIRD OF THE OVERALL POPULATION IN THE  
21 JAIL BY THE YEAR 2035. AND IN THE YEAR 2025, 27 PERCENT OF THE  
22 POPULATION COULD THEORETICALLY BE MENTALLY ILL IF A LOT OF  
23 INITIATIVES WE'LL BE TALKING ABOUT IN A FEW MINUTES THAT YOU  
24 HEARD ABOUT FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY THAT WE  
25 WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT ARE NOT PUT INTO PLACE TO DIVERT SOME

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1 OF THESE PEOPLE OUT OF THE JAIL SYSTEM. ON THE MEDICAL SIDE OF  
2 THOSE THAT ARE MEDICALLY SICK OR WE ARE PROJECTING THOSE  
3 PRETTY MUCH STAY AT ABOUT A 6 PERCENT GROWTH RATE THROUGHOUT  
4 THE FORECAST PERIOD. IT'S A FAIRLY STABLE POPULATION WHO ARE  
5 QUITE SICK BUT WE DON'T SEE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THAT  
6 POPULATION.

7

8 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT  
9 SECURITY LEVEL BEING LIKE A SURROGATE MARKER, BEING ABLE TO BE  
10 ASSIGNED AS WHO WOULD MAKE THE MOST SENSE TO MOVE SERVICES  
11 INTO THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE MENTAL HEALTH INMATE  
12 WHO HAS THE SECURITY TAG OF 4 OR LESS WHICH WOULD BE  
13 CONSIDERED SECURITY ABOUT 519 OF THE CURRENT POPULATION IN THE  
14 JAIL. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT WE EXPAND THIS TO A  
15 COMPREHENSIVE RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL TO BE USED NOT JUST THE  
16 CLASSIFICATION, THE CLASSIFICATION TOOL IS VALIDATED FOR  
17 HOUSING WITHIN THE JAIL BUT YOU REALLY WANT A TOOL THAT WOULD  
18 PICK UP ACROSS ALL THOSE DIFFERENT SECURITY LEVELS WHO MIGHT  
19 THUS BE SERVED BECAUSE THERE MAY BE POTENTIAL OTHER PEOPLE FOR  
20 DIVERSION ACROSS ALL SECURITY CATEGORIES. CURRENTLY THERE IS  
21 NO HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT. BY HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT, I MEAN  
22 COMPREHENSIVE TOOL THAT WOULD LOOK AT PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL  
23 HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND OTHER TYPE OF INDICATORS LIKE THAT  
24 WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE A QUANTITATIVE SCORE AND HELP TO ALIGN  
25 PEOPLE AGAIN WITH SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS. AND WE WANTED TO TALK

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1 ABOUT ACUITY BECAUSE THERE IS SOME CONFUSION WHEN WE SPEAK  
2 ABOUT THE ACUITY OF THE BEDS AND THE TYPE OF BEDS, THE NAMES  
3 OF THE BEDS. WE PUT THIS SLIDE IN. THE FIRST LINE TALKS ABOUT  
4 HOSPITAL ACUITY. BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE ARE FAMILIAR AND KNOW  
5 WHAT ACUITY IS. IF YOU'RE OUTPATIENT YOU HAVE SERVICE NEEDS  
6 THAT DON'T REQUIRE BEING IN A HOSPITAL, GENERAL FLOOR MOST  
7 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND IMAGING, I.C.U. AND TYPICALLY ACROSS THOSE,  
8 IT'S TIED TO SKILLED NURSING CARE, THE ABILITY TO GIVE MEDS  
9 AND HAVE TO BE OBSERVED ALL THE TIME. AND THE COSTS USUALLY GO  
10 HIGHER FOR THOSE BEDS AND THE PATIENTS ARE MORE CRITICAL THAT  
11 THEY COULD HAVE BAD OUTCOMES. IN THE JAIL RIGHT NOW, FOR  
12 PARTICULARLY THE MENTAL HEALTH WE HAVE G.P.M. MEDS WHICH WOULD  
13 BE THE GENERAL POPULATION ON MEDS WHICH WOULD BE THE LOWEST  
14 ACUITY LEVEL IN THERE. M.O.H. IS THE DESIGNATION SPECIFIC TO  
15 L.A. COUNTY JAIL WOULD BE MODERATE OBSERVATIONAL HOUSING.  
16 H.O.H. IS HIGH OBSERVATIONAL HOUSING. AND THE FIFTH IS THE  
17 FORENSIC INPATIENT PSYCHIATRY. AND THOSE ARE THE SICKEST OF  
18 THE SICK WITHIN THE JAIL RIGHT NOW. SO WE JUST PUT SOME  
19 OTHERS. I SAID SIMPLIFIED. SOME WOULD SAY OVERSIMPLIFIED  
20 EXPLANATION OF THIS. BUT AS WE TALK ABOUT ACUITY AND WHERE  
21 PEOPLE ARE HOUSED, WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO GRASP  
22 WHAT THAT WORD MEANS IN THIS CONVERSATION. SO OUR  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS IN TERMS OF BUILDING BEST PRACTICE IN THE  
24 TREATMENT FACILITY WOULD INCLUDE SOME CHANGES TO PARTICULARLY  
25 ADDRESS PEOPLE WHO ARE ACUTELY ILL IN THEIR CARE. THE FIRST

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1 FIVE BULLET POINTS WERE NOT WRITTEN TO BE A PART OF THE  
2 TREATMENT FACILITY AND ANY PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION. CURRENTLY  
3 THERE IS NO COHORTED DETOX UNIT WITHIN THE JAIL. PEOPLE WHO  
4 COME IN AT RISK FOR DETOX MAY END UP IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE  
5 JAIL. THEY'RE NOT IN AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE HEALTHCARE  
6 PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE WATCHING THEM CLOSELY. MOST JAILS  
7 CURRENTLY GROUP PEOPLE TOGETHER THAT ARE AT RISK FOR DETOX  
8 THAT SCORE HIGH FOR THAT SO THAT THEY DON'T HAVE A BAD OUTCOME  
9 EARLY ON IN THE JAIL. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE UNITS  
10 THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THAT. ALSO, WE SAY MEN AND WOMEN  
11 BOTH SHOULD AT THE POINT OF ENTRY HAVE THE RECEIVING  
12 CLASSIFICATION IN THIS AREA. THE INTAKE AND RECEIVING CENTER  
13 SHOULD BE IN THE AREA WHERE THE OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE  
14 PROVIDED. SO YOUR PEOPLE THAT ARE THE SICKEST WOULD BE CLOSE  
15 TO MEDICAL CARE. PEOPLE THAT ARE LESS SICK COULD BE MOVED TO  
16 OTHER HOUSING. ALL THE HIGH ACUITY BEDS SHOULD BE IN THIS  
17 BUILDING. THE OTHER PLANS DO NOT INCLUDE THE MEDICAL BEDS IN  
18 THAT. ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR MEDICAL BEDS HAVE  
19 CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. AND IF THEY WEREN'T  
20 MOVED INTO THIS FACILITY, THEY WOULD BE HOUSED IN AN AREA THAT  
21 IS SEPARATE FROM THOSE SERVICES AND THOSE ACUTE LEVEL  
22 SERVICES. WHEN WE LOOK AT INTEGRATING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL  
23 HEALTH IN THIS COUNTRY, IT'S A MOVEMENT TO MOVE THOSE  
24 TOGETHER. WE TALKED ABOUT NOT SEPARATING THE HEAD FROM THE  
25 BODY ANYMORE AS WE PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO PEOPLE. SO WE THINK

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1 IT'S ANOTHER CRITICAL PIECE TO KEEP THESE TWO PARTS TOGETHER.  
2 URGENT CARE COULD BE MORE ROBUST AND COULD BE ALSO HOUSED IN  
3 THIS AREA. AND THEN THE OTHER, IN THE OTHER PLANS AND WE  
4 AGREE, THE MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING SHOULD BE THERE AS WELL AS  
5 THE OBSERVATION UNITS THAT INCLUDE THE HIGH AND MODERATE  
6 MENTAL HEALTH AND THE SPECIAL POPULATION, WHICH ARE YOUR  
7 PEOPLE THAT MAY BE ON DIALYSIS OR MAY BE ON MEDS THAT PUT THEM  
8 AT RISK, LIKE INSULIN OR COUMADIN OR THEY MAY HAVE, THEY MAY  
9 BE PARAPLEGIC. THOSE TYPES OF HOUSING. AND THEN AGAIN THE  
10 A.D.A. HOUSING IS THE CRITICAL PIECE TO CONSIDER AS WE MOVE  
11 FORWARD.

12

13 **CURTIS PULITZER:** SO THE BREAKDOWN OF THE TYPES OF POPULATIONS  
14 AND TYPES OF PATIENT INMATES AS WELL AS BOTH MEDICAL AND  
15 MENTAL HEALTH ARE ON THIS TABLE RIGHT HERE. WHAT IT DOES IS IT  
16 COMPARES HISTORICALLY WHAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AND  
17 OUR RECOMMENDATION TODAY WHAT YOUR FUTURE COULD LOOK LIKE IF  
18 DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVES ARE NOT  
19 IMPLEMENTED. THE FIRST COLUMN IS THE WHAT'S CALLED THE VANA  
20 REPORT THAT WAS PRESENTED TO YOU TWO YEARS AGO. THE SECOND  
21 COLUMN IS CALLED A.E.COM C.C.T.F. A.E.COM ARE THE ARCHITECTS  
22 AND ENGINEERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKING FOR THE COUNTY  
23 DEVELOPING THE SCOPING DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROJECT. THE THIRD  
24 COLUMN IS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
25 PRESENTATION THAT WAS MADE TO THE BOARD ON JUNE THE 9TH. AND

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1 OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN THIS COLUMN HERE, WHICH IS THE  
2 NEED, BOTH THE CURRENT NEED AND NEAR TERM NEED FOR PATIENT  
3 INMATES WITH MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE JAIL  
4 SYSTEM. YOU NOTICE THERE'S SOME BLANKS OVER HERE WHICH ARE  
5 FILLED IN OVER HERE. WE RECOMMEND EXAMPLE THAT DETOX IS  
6 SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ABSENT FROM THE PROJECT. WE STRONGLY  
7 URGE THAT THOSE TYPES OF BEDS BE ADDED BACK INTO THE PROJECT.  
8 THE C.C.T. MEDICAL WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS IN TWIN TOWERS, WE  
9 URGE THAT BE MOVED OVER TO THE NEW FACILITY. OUR GOAL IS TO  
10 CREATE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE CONSOLIDATED TREATMENT  
11 FACILITY. THIS IS NOT A JAIL. THIS IS A TREATMENT FACILITY FOR  
12 THOSE PATIENT INMATES THAT CANNOT BE DIVERTED TO THE  
13 COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE IF THOSE  
14 INITIATIVES ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED? THAT'S WHAT THE LAST COLUMN  
15 IS SHOWING YOU. THE 2025 PROJECTIONS AGAIN THIS IS LOOKING 10  
16 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE ARE SHOWING YOU MUCH MORE ROBUST NEED  
17 FOR BEDS. AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT FEATURE HAPPEN. BUT  
18 UNLESS THOSE INITIATIVES ARE IMPLEMENTED, UNLESS THE BOARD  
19 TAKES THE ACTION NOW AS WE THINK IT'S GOING TO DO, THAT FUTURE  
20 MEANS THAT WE HAVE A DELTA OF ALMOST 1,700 BEDS IN THE SYSTEM  
21 IF ACTION IS NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO INITIATE THOSE  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS.

23

24 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** SO THESE ARE OUR OVERALL FRAMEWORK  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS, RECOGNIZING THAT THE TREATMENT FACILITY AND



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1 THE JAIL AS A WHOLE IS REALLY A PART OF YOUR LARGER HEALTHCARE  
2 SYSTEM. AND IT SHOULD BE THOUGHT OF AS PART OF THE CONTINUUM  
3 OF CARE THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO MOVE INTO AND OUT OF. WE  
4 BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT PRE-ARREST DIVERSION AND THE PRE-JAIL  
5 PLANS ARE ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE AND IMPORTANT. BUT IT'S ALSO  
6 CRITICAL THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THE PEOPLE THAT ENTER THE JAILS.  
7 ONE OF THE THINGS I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION ABOUT THE ACUITY  
8 LEVELS OF THE INMATES IS WE'RE A VERY HEAVY CLINICIAN TEAM  
9 THAT WALK THROUGH YOUR JAIL. BUT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE A  
10 CLINICIAN TO SEE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
11 HOUSED AT A LOWER LEVEL OF CARE THAN THEY SHOULD BE HOUSED AT.  
12 AND JUST AS WHEN WE LOOK IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OVERCROWDING IN  
13 EMERGENCY ROOMS, WE KNOW FROM STUDIES THAT IT'S ACTUALLY A  
14 LACK OF BEDS IN THE I.C.U. THAT CREATES THE OVERCROWDING IN  
15 THE EMERGENCY ROOM. IN YOUR JAILS, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT HAVE THE  
16 HIGH ACUITY BEDS IN THE JAILS, PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE HIGH  
17 OBSERVATION HOUSING AND THE MODERATE OBSERVATION HOUSING THAT  
18 CLEARLY MEETS THE CRITICAL NEEDS FOR THAT HIGHER ACUITY  
19 INPATIENT BEDS. SO SOME OF THE BEDS PLANNING IS MORE ABOUT  
20 RIGHT SIZING TO THE CURRENT POPULATION. THE OTHER PARTS WE  
21 TALKED ABOUT THE BEST PRACTICES AND THE D.A. DID AN EXCELLENT  
22 JOB OF BEGINNING THE DISCUSSION AROUND THAT, WE ABSOLUTELY  
23 FEEL IT'S AN IMPERATIVE. AS CURTIS JUST MENTIONED, WE ARE  
24 ADDRESSING WHAT YOUR CURRENT NEED IS AND YOUR NEAR NEED WITH  
25 THESE BEDS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. THERE'S ALSO NEED TO

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1 BEGIN A CONTINUUM OF CARE WITH COMPLEX CARE MANAGEMENT. THAT  
2 CAN BE HANDLED IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT AS PEOPLE COME IN, IT'S A  
3 REAL OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY THAT COMMUNICATION ACROSS, START THE  
4 PLAN, STANDARDIZE THE TOOLS THAT YOU USE FOR THAT SO THAT  
5 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY UNDERSTAND AND SPEAK THE LANGUAGE  
6 AROUND CARE HAVE ACCESS TO RECORDS FOR HOW PEOPLE ARE CARED  
7 FOR, WHAT MEDICATIONS THEY WERE ON, WHAT HELPED TO STABILIZE  
8 THEM WHEN THEY WERE IN THE JAIL. AND THAT HELPS TO KEEP PEOPLE  
9 INTO THE COMMUNITY AGAIN. AND THEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE FULL  
10 INTEGRATION OF THE SYSTEMS NOT JUST IN THE BUILDING BUT ALSO  
11 IN THE WAY THAT RECORDS AND REPORTING COMMUNICATE TO EACH  
12 OTHER. AND WE ALSO THINK IT'S VERY CRITICAL THAT YOU USE  
13 OUTCOME REPORTING FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT WE  
14 MAKE A DECISION AS A COUNTY WHAT THE OUTCOMES YOU WANT ARE,  
15 YOUR GOALS ARE FOR THAT CARE AND MOVE TOWARDS THAT TO MAKE  
16 SURE YOUR SERVICE PROVIDERS DO THAT, AS WELL. SO THIS IS WHAT  
17 WE WERE ASKED TO GIVE PROJECTIONS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY BEDS AND  
18 THIS IS PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
19 COMMUNITY BEDS IN GENERAL, WE SHOULD START CURRENTLY IN A  
20 WHOLE WE SAY THAT OUR NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW DON'T  
21 MEET THE NEEDS FOR THE COMMUNITY. YOU'RE AT CAPACITY FOR THAT.  
22 THAT'S BECAUSE IN A BIG PART PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY  
23 AROUND MENTAL HEALTH HAVE BARRIERS BASED ON THEIR FUNDING AND  
24 THEIR ABILITY TO EXPAND PROGRAMS. SO IF THE FUNDING ISN'T  
25 PRESENT, IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPAND PROGRAMS BEYOND THAT. SO

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1 WE'LL TALK A LITTLE ABOUT HOW THE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THEM  
2 TO CREATE ROBUST COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH THIS. AND WE APPLAUD  
3 THAT AS PART OF DIVERSION, AS PART OF JAIL. BUT ALSO IT'S PART  
4 OF KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY TO BEGIN WITH. WHAT WE  
5 ATTEMPTED TO DO IN THIS CHART IS LOOK AT IF WITH DIVERSION  
6 OPPORTUNITY, LOOKING AT 10 AND 15 PERCENT, WHAT NUMBERS WOULD  
7 YOU NEED TO REACH THAT WHAT WE'RE CALLING THE DELTA OR THE  
8 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT YOUR PROJECTED GROWTH RATE AND WHAT  
9 THE CURRENT RATE IS FOR THE FACILITY THAT WE PUT FORWARD. AND  
10 IT WOULD REQUIRE AGGRESSIVE DIVERSION. IT WOULD REQUIRE  
11 AGGRESSIVE DIVERSION AND ADDITION TO OTHER DIVERSION  
12 OPPORTUNITIES LIKE MOVING PEOPLE TO GREATER STABILITY WITHIN  
13 THE JAIL WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE  
14 SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY TRANSMISSIONS AND PEOPLE NOT RETURNING TO  
15 THE JAIL AGAIN. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO LOOK AT THIS. YOU  
16 REALLY AS A COUNTY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BE FRONT RUNNERS IN  
17 THIS BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO LOOK AT DIVERSION PROGRAMS LOOK AT ONE  
18 PIECE OF THE DIVERSION PROGRAM OR ANOTHER. AND THERE'S NOT A  
19 LOT OF INFORMATION ON DIVERSION AS A WHOLE REALLY LOOKING TO  
20 SEE HOW THAT'S GOING TO WORK AS A WHOLE. THERE'S MODELS. BUT  
21 WE ALSO THINK IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COLLECT  
22 INFORMATION AS YOU DO THIS TO MEASURE THE IMPACTS, MONITOR  
23 WHAT'S SUCCESSFUL AND TO BE ABLE TO BE FLUID AND NIMBLE IN  
24 FOLLOW THOSE TASKS. WHEN WE DID COMMUNITY CAPACITY REVIEW, WE  
25 LOOKED AT, WE DID INTERVIEWS, WE RECEIVED A LIST OF THE

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1 CURRENT PROVIDERS AS WELL AS PARTNERS THAT YOU HAVE FOR  
2 A.B.109 AS WELL AS YOUR FULL- SERVICE PARTNERS. AND WE FOUND  
3 FULL-SERVICE PARTNERS THAT WE INTERVIEWED ARE PROBABLY AT 90  
4 PERCENT CAPACITY. SOME 10 PERCENT ARE ACTUALLY BEDS THAT  
5 THEY'RE REQUIRED TO HOLD BECAUSE OF THE PAYERS THAT THEY WORK  
6 WITH. WE FOUND THAT A.B.109, THEY HAVE ABOUT 15 TO 1,600 OF  
7 PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS REHAB SERVICES CURRENTLY BECAUSE  
8 OF THE WAITING LIST FOR THOSE SERVICES OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH  
9 ARE CRITICAL AS WELL AND VERY DIFFICULT TO COME BY. WE ALSO  
10 LISTED HERE IN THE SLIDE THE LACK OF ACUTE BEDS FOR PEOPLE  
11 THAT HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED AND CLINICALLY DETERMINED THAT THEY  
12 SHOULD BE IN ONE OF THOSE ACUTE BEDS. THIS IS ACROSS ALL L.A.  
13 COUNTY BECAUSE YOU SHARE THOSE BEDS WITH PEOPLE IN THE  
14 COMMUNITY AS WELL AS PEOPLE IN THE JAIL. AND THERE'S 295  
15 ACTIVELY ON THE LIST. I WOULD GUESS THAT THIS NUMBER IS  
16 ACTUALLY LARGER THAN THAT BECAUSE IT'S, AGAIN, A FALSE TASK  
17 BECAUSE IT'S DIFFICULT TO GET ON THAT LIST. IF YOU'RE NO. 296  
18 OR 297, ONCE YOU START TO GET TO THIS LEVEL OF NUMBERS, PEOPLE  
19 TEND NOT TO MOVE TOWARDS THE LIST THAT WAY SO REALLY A NEED IN  
20 GENERAL FOR INTENSE, IF WE'RE LOOKING FOR INTENSE MENTAL  
21 HEALTH SERVICES, INTENSE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, HOUSING AND  
22 CARE MANAGEMENT, WE ARE NOT IGNORING HOUSING. WE RECOGNIZE  
23 THAT IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, AS WELL. BUT AS PART OF THE  
24 BIGGER PICTURE. WHEN WE TALKED TO YOUR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS AND  
25 OBSERVATIONS AS A WHOLE, THEY EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO

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1 EXPAND SERVICES. THEY'RE WILLING AND AVAILABLE TO EXPAND THOSE  
2 SERVICES. WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ASK THEM HOW CONFIDENT  
3 THEY WERE OF BEING ABLE TO HANDLE THE COMPLEX PATIENTS,  
4 PARTICULARLY A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUR POPULATION HAS THE DUAL  
5 DIAGNOSIS OF BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN  
6 ADDITION TO THE HOUSING OR THE SECURITY HOUSING ISSUES THAT  
7 THEY WOULD HAVE. AND ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5, OVERALL THEY RATED  
8 THEMSELVES 4.0 WHICH IS VERY ENCOURAGING FOR THAT. THERE IS A  
9 DIFFICULTY AS FAR AS, AGAIN, THIS REPRESENTATION OF CAPACITY  
10 IS REALLY REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE CURRENT REFERRAL AND FUNDING  
11 REALITIES ARE. AND WE FEEL THAT THE PROJECTION ACTUALLY HELPS  
12 TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME CAPACITY PLANNING AND TO  
13 HELP THEM TO SUPPORT THEM IN A MEANINGFUL WAY TO EXPAND THOSE  
14 SERVICES TO MEET YOUR NEEDS FOR THEM. WE ALSO THINK IT'S  
15 REALLY IMPORTANT IN THIS DISCUSSION TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT  
16 THAT WE CAN'T PUSH OUT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE VERY  
17 DEPENDENT ON THESE SERVICES. SO AS PART OF THAT CAPACITY  
18 GROWTH, WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE EXPAND SERVICES SO  
19 THAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ARE STILL ABLE TO AVAIL  
20 THEMSELVES OF THOSE SERVICES. AND JUST TO UNDERSCORE THE POINT  
21 AGAIN THAT YOUR HIGH ACUITY BEDS ARE AT FULL ARE NEARLY FULL.  
22 THIS IS A MAP THAT WE CREATED OF WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT. THE  
23 DENSITY MAP, THE COLORS THAT GO FROM THE LIGHT TO THE DARKEST  
24 TONES IN THE AREA WHERE WE LOOKED AT THE ZIP CODES REPORTED AT  
25 BOOKING BY INMATES IN 2014 WITH THE "M" MARKER FOR MENTAL

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1 HEALTH. LET ME JUST AGAIN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT I.T., THE "M" FOR  
2 MENTAL HEALTH IS A MARKER THAT A CLINICIAN HAS TO LEAVE THEIR  
3 SYSTEM AND GO IN AND ENTER INTO THE CORRECTIONS SYSTEM. SO  
4 MANUALLY ENTER. IT'S ONE OF THE MARKERS. ONE OF THE MENTAL  
5 HEALTH MARKERS THEY USE. IT FALLS OFF SOMETIMES. SO IT DOESN'T  
6 STAY NECESSARILY WITH THAT RECORD. SO THERE'S A REPORTING  
7 PROBLEM. BUT IN 2014, WE WERE ABLE TO FIND 5,040 INMATES WITH  
8 A ZIP CODE AND A MENTAL HEALTH MARKER. AND THESE ARE BOOKINGS.  
9 THIS IS NOT, AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING, I WANT TO BE CLEAR  
10 ABOUT THIS DATA. THERE WAS NOT A WAY FOR US TO TIE IT TO A  
11 UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL. IT'S BOOKING NUMBER. SO IF I WAS IN MAYBE  
12 TWICE OR THREE TIMES, I'D HAVE THREE SEPARATE BOOKING NUMBERS  
13 FOR THAT YEAR. DURING THIS TIME, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US  
14 TO POINT OUT, AS WELL, THAT THERE WERE OVER 9,000 BOOKINGS  
15 THAT WERE ASSOCIATED -- 9,547 WITH A ZERO ZIP CODE, WHICH IS A  
16 MARKER FOR HOMELESS OR TRANSIENT HOUSING. SO ACTUALLY MORE  
17 PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH MARKER ARE REPORTED THEIR HOUSING  
18 AS HOMELESS OR TRANSIENT THAN WE ACTUALLY HAD. THE BLUE DOTS  
19 WERE THE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS THAT WE INTERVIEWED AND SURVEYED.  
20 WE ASKED THEM ABOUT THEIR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE INFORMATION. AND  
21 THE LARGER THE BLUE DOT THE IS, THE LARGER THE NUMBER, THE  
22 F.T.E.S THAT THEY HAVE THAT WORK IN THE FACILITY. WE THOUGHT  
23 THIS WAS A GOOD MARKER FOR US TO USE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF  
24 SERVICES. SO YOU CAN SEE, AND AGAIN THIS IS A SURROGATE MARKER  
25 FOR THIS, BUT IT'S ABLE TO LOOK AT THOSE MARKERS FOR THOSE

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1 THAT WE INTERVIEWED THEIR SERVICES. AND YOU CAN SEE -- AND I  
2 THINK IT NEEDS TO BE POINTED OUT ADDITIONAL STUDIES NEED TO BE  
3 DONE TO LOOK AT THIS. BUT IN AREAS WHERE YOU HAVE ROBUST  
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH WHICH IS LARGE BLUE DOT, YOU  
5 HAVE LESS DENSITY. THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID FOR WHAT  
6 COMMUNITIES, THESE COMMUNITIES' PROVIDERS DO TO HELP KEEP  
7 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL. WE ALSO ADDED FROM THE  
8 G.I.S. DATABASE, WE LOOKED AT THE HIGH VOLUME PROVIDERS THAT  
9 WE COULD NOT INTERVIEW BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO GET ONLY THE  
10 REPRESENTATION OF WHO WE INTERVIEWED AND THOSE SQUARES ARE  
11 ACTUALLY THOSE OTHER PEOPLE NOT INTERVIEWED. BUT JUST TO GIVE  
12 YOU A SENSE OF WHERE THEY WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE L.A. COUNTY  
13 AREA.

14

15 **CURTIS PULITZER:** SO, IN CONCLUSION, THIS IS A SUMMARY OF OUR  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS. FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE  
17 BOARD MOVE FORWARD WITH A C.C.T.F. PROJECT WITH THE  
18 ADJUSTMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE HAD PRESENTED EARLIER.

19

20 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ALIGN HEALTH  
21 SERVICES TO BEST PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. AND THAT  
22 INCLUDES TREATMENT AND TRANSITION OF INMATES THROUGH THE WHOLE  
23 SYSTEM OF HEALTH.

24



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1   **CURTIS PULITZER:** AND WE RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD BUILD AN  
2   INTEGRATED I.T. AND HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM BOTH INTERNALLY  
3   AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, THE LARGER COMMUNITY OF  
4   PROVIDERS. AND YOU'VE HEARD THAT AGAIN FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
5   LACEY AND OURSELVES THAT YOU CANNOT BUILD THIS COMMUNITY  
6   NETWORK, YOU CANNOT BUILD THIS INTEGRATED SYSTEM THAT WE ALL  
7   WANT TO HAVE WITHOUT HAVING THE DATABASE TO SUPPORT IT.

8

9   **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU REQUIRE A  
10   CONTINUUM OF CARE CULTURA ACROSS YOUR ENTIRE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR  
11   PHYSICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. WE  
12   APPLAUD YOU MOVING FORWARD IN PUTTING THE D.H.S. SERVICES  
13   WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER. WE THINK THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF  
14   CREATING THAT CONTINUUM OF CARE. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT YOU  
15   INTEGRATE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE  
16   SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES CO-LOCATION AND PRACTICES.

17

18   **CURTIS PULITZER:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE ALSO RECOMMEND TO  
19   THE BOARD THAT YOU DIRECT ADDITIONAL CONCURRENT ANALYSIS,  
20   PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF ACUITY AS IT RELATES TO THE  
21   PATIENT INMATE POPULATION TO HELP REFINE THE DECISION-MAKING  
22   PROCESS AND ALSO DEMAND THAT MORE REPORTING COME BACK TO YOU  
23   IN TERMS OF OUTCOME MEASURES, PERFORMANCE OF ALL THE  
24   INITIATIVES THAT ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST,  
25   AS WE SAID EARLIER, THERE ARE TWO CHOICES. WE'RE RECOMMENDING

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1 THAT THE BLUE LINE HERE, THIS DASH LINE REPRESENT THE C.C.T.F.  
2 PROJECT IN DEVELOPMENT NOT COMING IN LINE OPTIMISTICALLY UNTIL  
3 2021. AT THAT CAPACITY AT THE 4,600 TO 5,000 RANGE. IF THE  
4 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, THE DIVERSION WE ALL WANT TO SEE HAPPEN  
5 AND THE SYSTEM IS NOT STABILIZED, YOU'RE FACED WITH A GROWTH  
6 POTENTIALLY OF THAT NUMBER, OF OVER 6,700 POTENTIAL BEDS. AND  
7 WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT FEATURE HAPPEN IN L.A. COUNTY. WE  
8 WANT TO SEE THAT DELTA BETWEEN THE RED LINE AND THE BLUE LINE  
9 BE DIVERTED INTO THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE  
12 INDEPTH ANALYSIS AND ADDITIONAL REVIEW ON THE ORIGINAL  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE BOARD HAD BEEN PRESENTED. BUT THE  
14 QUESTION TERI HAD MENTIONED TO US THAT IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE  
15 JAIL BY 100 BEDS, WE WOULD NEED TO DIVERT 4 TO 5 TIMES THAT  
16 MANY INDIVIDUALS. AND BASED ON THAT. HOW MANY WOULD NEED TO BE  
17 DIVERTED TO ADDRESS THE 1,700 DIFFERENTIAL? ARE WE TALKING  
18 ABOUT 6,800 OR 8,500 INMATES?

19

20 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** TERRI MCDONALD, ASSSITANT SHERIFF.  
21 MAYBE I CAN HELP WITH THIS. WHAT I MENTIONED WAS IF YOU'RE  
22 DIVERTING SHORT-TERM OFFENDERS, WHICH IS PRIMARILY WHAT JAILS  
23 HAVE, THEY HAVE SIX MONTHS TO SERVE OR 90 DAYS TO SERVE OR  
24 NINE MONTHS TO SERVE, IN ORDER TO OPEN UP A SINGLE JAIL BED,  
25 YOU HAVE TO LET'S ASSUME THEY'RE ALL AT SIX MONTHS, YOU HAVE

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1 TO DIVERT TWO PEOPLE A YEAR TO SAVE ONE BED. ASSUMING THAT  
2 NEITHER ONE OF THEM CAME BACK ON A PROGRAM OF FAILURE. SO  
3 LET'S USE THAT SAME ASSUMPTION FOR 1,700 BEDS. YOU WOULD HAVE  
4 TO DIVERT 3,400 INMATES THAT YEAR WITH NONE OF THEM COMING  
5 BACK ON A PROGRAM FAILURE. AND IF THEIR TIME TO SERVE IS  
6 SHORTER, YOU HAVE TO DIVERT MORE PEOPLE. IF THEIR TIME TO  
7 SERVE IS LONGER, YOU DIVERT LESS PEOPLE. BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT  
8 THE CONSULTANTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT AVERAGE TIMES  
9 SERVED AND HOW DIVERSION WOULD ACTUALLY IMPACT POPULATION.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WERE YOU ABLE TO REVIEW THAT?

12

13 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** NO, WE WEREN'T. AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO --  
14 OUR LOOK AT DIVERSION WAS REALLY FOCUSED ON THE MENTAL AND  
15 PHYSICAL HEALTH POPULATION OF THE JAILS AS A WHOLE, AS WELL.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE WE ASK QUESTIONS, THE SHERIFF  
18 WANTS TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS. I KNOW THE SUPERVISORS WANT TO  
19 ASK QUESTIONS.

20

21 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT, MR. MAYOR. I  
22 THINK WE'RE AT A SIGNIFICANT CROSS-ROADS IN OUR COUNTY'S  
23 HISTORY NOW WHERE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A MODEL FOR  
24 THE REST OF THE NATION. I THINK BUILDING A FACILITY THAT IS A  
25 CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY RATHER THAN REPLACING A JAIL

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1 WITH A JAIL. I WON'T GO INTO THE DETAILS THAT WE DISCUSSED  
2 OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY AT THE  
3 OPPORTUNITY WE HAD WITH D.A. LACEY. BUT IN LOOKING AT THE  
4 OVERALL ISSUE NOW, I THINK WE'RE IN A POSITION WHERE WE HAVE A  
5 PROJECTION FROM TWO DIFFERENT ENTITIES NOW. AND I'M THANKFUL  
6 TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT KIND OF DATA PUT FORTHWITH WITH TWO  
7 INDEPENDENT LOOKS TO BE ABLE TO SAY WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK  
8 LIKE FOR US? AND BEST CASE SCENARIO, WE NEED BALLPARK OF CLOSE  
9 TO 6,000 I'M SORRY. 4,600 TO 5,000 AND WORST-CASE SCENARIO  
10 WORKING TOWARDS 7,000. WE HOPE WE DON'T GET THERE. BUT SHOULD  
11 WE GO IN THAT DIRECTION, WHICH IS PREDICTABLE, WE NEED TO BE  
12 SET UP SO THAT WE'RE NOT GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS AGAIN WITH  
13 AN 8-YEAR DELAY TO BE ABLE TO GET HOUSING THAT'S APPROPRIATE  
14 FOR THE NEEDS THAT WE FACE. SO I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
15 IN FRONT OF US NOW TO BE ABLE TO TAKE A STAND AND BE ABLE TO  
16 BUILD A FACILITY THAT WILL DO THIS COUNTY WELL FOR THE YEARS  
17 TO COME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT I FIND INTERESTING IS THAT BOTH  
20 OF THE CONSULTANTS HAVE COME TO A CAPACITY OF OVER 4,600 BEDS.  
21 AND EACH OF THESE STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED BY EXPERTS FROM  
22 DIFFERENT VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS. THE H.M.A. STUDY IS ENTIRELY  
23 COMPRISED OF MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE  
24 ZERO INTEREST IN PRISON, JAIL EXPANSION. I APPRECIATE THE FACT  
25 THAT THE STUDY CONDUCTED PROJECTIONS INCLUDING THE PROJECTED

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1 GROWTH OF THE COUNTY'S OVERALL POPULATION, WHICH IS NOT  
2 SURPRISINGLY GOING TO INCREASE. SO WE HAVE AN INDEPENDENT  
3 CONFIRMATION THAT BUILDING A SMALL JAIL WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED  
4 BY THE DATA. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK JACKIE LACEY FOR HER  
5 COMMENTS, AS WELL.

6

7 **JACKIE LACEY:** YES. I HAVE NOT -- I KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN  
8 WORKING. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE SEEN THE PRESENTATION.  
9 I'M JUST GLAD THAT H.M.A. ASSOCIATES BASICALLY SUPPORT OUR  
10 DIVERSION EFFORTS. WHAT I HEAR THEM SAYING, WHETHER YOU TALK  
11 ABOUT THE NUMBERS BEING LARGE OR SMALL, A LOT OF THE  
12 INFORMATION THAT THEY GATHERED SUPPORTS WHAT THE CRIMINAL  
13 JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE IS SAYING IN TERMS OF THIS  
14 NEED FOR DATA AND THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT AND  
15 THE FACT THAT WE'RE FULL. SO I JUST WANTED TO TELL THEM I  
16 APPRECIATE, BECAUSE THEY REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO INCLUDE THAT IN  
17 THEIR REPORT. BUT THEY DID SEEM TO SUPPORT THAT A ROBUST  
18 DIVERSION PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT IN THIS COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK THE C.E.O. BECAUSE OF THE  
21 VARIOUS SCHEDULES OF BOARD MEMBERS THAT WE HAVE, WE'D LIKE TO  
22 HAVE ALL FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE, WHAT IS  
23 OUR TIMEFRAME FOR US TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS ISSUE? WHAT  
24 ARE OUR TIME FRAMES?

25

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1 **INTERIM C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** WELL IN TERMS OF THE REPLACEMENT  
2 FACILITY I DON'T KNOW THAT WE ARE NECESSARILY UNDER A  
3 DEADLINE. HOWEVER BECAUSE IT IS TIED TO YOUR PRIOR MOTION OF  
4 TYING IN THE REPLACEMENT FACILITY ALONG WITH THE MIRA LOMA  
5 SITE. MIRA LOMA AS THE BOARD KNOWS IS CURRENTLY WORKING  
6 TOWARDS RECEIVING \$100 MILLION GRANT FROM THE STATE. THE STATE  
7 HAS TWO HEARINGS, THE STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD, TWO HEARINGS,  
8 ONE IS ON AUGUST 17TH AND THERE'S ANOTHER IN SEPTEMBER. BUT BY  
9 THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WE MUST HAVE ESTABLISHED OR THE STATE  
10 MUST HAVE ESTABLISHED MIRA LOMA AS A PROJECT. SO THEREFORE WE  
11 WERE HOPING THAT IN AUGUST, AT LEAST THE AUGUST 17TH DATE, YOU  
12 COULD PROCEED FORWARD AND ASK THE STATE TO ESTABLISH IT. WE  
13 ARE JUST A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED WITH THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. IF  
14 WE MISS THAT MEETING, THEN WE WILL POTENTIALLY LOSE THE  
15 FUNDING.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IT'S A PARALLEL TRACK. THE DATE IN  
18 AUGUST WOULD BE THE 17TH OF AUGUST. OKAY. SUPERVISOR SHEILA  
19 KUEHL.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
22 FOR THE REPORT. I FOUND IT VERY INTERESTING EVEN IN THE  
23 SHORTENED PRESENTATION. AND ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING THINGS  
24 WAS THAT IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE MOST OF THE PRESENTATION THE

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1 DATA PRESENTED WAS ABOUT GROWTH IN THE JAIL POPULATION,  
2 ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IF WE DID NOTHING.

3

4 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP KUEHL:** THAT'S CORRECT, SO I THINK THAT'S VERY INTERESTING.  
7 BECAUSE WHEN YOU PROJECT A POPULATION, ESPECIALLY FOR, LET'S  
8 SAY, C.C.T.F., IT'S KIND OF BASED ON A PERCENTAGE. AND THEN  
9 THERE WAS A VERY INTERESTING SLIDE THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME  
10 THAT KIND OF DIVERSION WAS ENTERED INTO THE EQUATION IF I'M  
11 NOT MISTAKEN. AND I DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE NUMBER AT THE  
12 BOTTOM OF THAT SLIDE THAT WAS 1,700 AND SOMETHING. DID THAT  
13 REPRESENT PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN A JAIL SETTING BUT  
14 COULD, GIVEN AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES, COULD BE DIVERTED?

15

16 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** I BELIEVE THE SLIDE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT  
17 HAS THE 2 PERCENTAGES, AT THE BOTTOM HAD THE 1,700. THAT WAS  
18 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DIVERTED TO NOT GO  
19 UP TO THE HIGHER PROJECTED NUMBER, WHICH YOU'D SEE WITH THE  
20 PROJECTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** HAVE TO BE DIVERTED NOT TO GO UP TO THE  
23 HIGHER PROJECTED NUMBER.

24

25 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** YES.



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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO YOUR PROJECTION OF 4,600 AT THE LOW END  
3 WAS YOUR BEST ESTIMATE IN TERMS OF THE CATEGORIES THAT YOU  
4 OUTLINED IN SEVERITY OF PEOPLE WHO MUST, NO MATTER WHAT WE  
5 HAVE OUTSIDE, BE TREATED INSIDE A JAIL?

6

7 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** IT'S BASED AGAIN AND IT LOOKED AT WHERE  
8 YOU CURRENTLY ARE AS FAR AS YOUR CAPACITY WHERE IT IS NOW.  
9 THERE'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF TREATMENT SPACE AVAILABLE,  
10 THE LACK OF PROGRAMMING SPACE AVAILABLE. WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH  
11 YOUR M.O.H. AND H.O.H. AREAS, EVEN IF YOU WERE NONCLINICIAN,  
12 YOU COULD SEE THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT APPROPRIATELY HOUSED BECAUSE  
13 THERE'S NOT SPACE AVAILABLE. THAT MEANS THAT PEOPLE  
14 DECOMPENSATE BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE PROGRAMS OR PLACES  
15 AVAILABLE. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET DETOX NUMBERS. WE HAD TO  
16 USE COOK COUNTY JAIL NUMBERS AND DALLAS TO ESTIMATE WHAT THE  
17 NUMBER OF DETOX. AND THAT'S A CRITICAL HEALTH RISK FOR PEOPLE  
18 IN ACUTE DETOX SO WHEN WE LOOKED AT THIS, WE REALLY LOOKED AT  
19 IT AS WHAT TREATMENT DO YOU NEED TO DO A REALLY GOOD JOB OF  
20 TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE JAIL FACILITY?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN IN LOOKING AT THE  
23 C.C.T.F. POPULATION AND PROJECTING AS YOU DID 4,600 TO 5,060,  
24 ALMOST HALF OF THOSE WERE IN THE CATEGORY OF THE MODERATE  
25 OVERSIGHT, IS THAT CORRECT?

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1

2 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** MODERATE OBSERVATIONAL HOUSING, I BELIEVE  
3 SO.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT WAS OVER 2,000 IF I'M NOT  
6 MISTAKEN. I TOOK NOTES WHEN YOU WERE ALL TALKING TO ME ON THE  
7 PHONE BEFORE I SAW YOUR --

8

9 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** YOU'RE PROBABLY CORRECT.

10

11 **CURTIS PULITZER:** IT RANGED BETWEEN 2,400 AND 2,600.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE ACUITY OR  
14 SYMPTOMS OR I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SORRY I'M A LAWYER NOT A  
15 DOCTOR OF THOSE WHO WERE -- WHO NEED MODERATE OBSERVATIONAL  
16 HOUSING? BECAUSE I THINK YOU USED THE WORD "ABERRATION". IN  
17 THAT SLIDE WHERE YOU WERE COMPARING THE ACUITY --

18

19 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** "OBSERVATION".

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YEAH. BUT YOU SAID IN A HOSPITAL SETTING,  
22 YOU HAD SORT OF FOUR LEVELS.

23

24 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** RIGHT.

25

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND I BELIEVE YOU WERE DRAWING A COMPARISON  
2    DOWN THE LEVELS.

3

4    **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** RIGHT.

5

6    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THE MODERATE  
7    OBSERVATIONAL HOUSING WAS KIND OF ON THE LEVEL OF YOUR GENERAL  
8    HOSPITAL POPULATION?

9

10   **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** THERE'S DEFINITE AND THAT'S EVEN AROUND  
11   SECURITY AND OTHER AREAS, THERE'S DEFINITE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK  
12   TO SEE AND CREATE SERVICE TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. I  
13   THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED SIDE  
14   BY SIDE WITH THAT. BUT THERE'S CURRENTLY NOT A CAPACITY FOR  
15   THAT.

16

17   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** FROM JUST LOOKING AT THE PRESENTATION, AND  
18   I APPRECIATE IT. WE'RE LOOKING AT DATA. YOU START WITH WHAT IS  
19   AND TRY TO DO THE BEST YOU CAN WITH THE SORT OF -- I KNOW YOU  
20   DO THE BEST YOU CAN WITH RECORDKEEPING, TOO. BUT WITH WHAT YOU  
21   WERE GIVEN. BUT I WAS REALLY STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT HALF OF  
22   THE PROPOSED POPULATION FOR C.C.T.F. WAS IN THE N.O.H.  
23   CATEGORY OR ALMOST HALF. AND IT SEEMED TO ME THAT YOU WERE  
24   SAYING WERE THERE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY? YOU DIDN'T  
25   QUITE SAY IT BUT I GUESS I'M ASKING. BECAUSE WE KNOW WE HAVE

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1 TO DEVELOP SOMETHING. WE SOCKED AWAY SOME MONEY. WE'RE PUTTING  
2 AWAY SOME MONEY NEXT WEEK. I WANT TO GET US TO A COUPLE  
3 HUNDRED MILLION AT LEAST TO BEGIN BUILDING THAT CAPACITY WHILE  
4 WE TEAR DOWN MEN'S CENTRAL AND PUT WHATEVER GOES IN ITS PLACE.  
5 BUT IF THE M.O.H. POPULATION IS PLACEABLE OUTSIDE OF C.C.T.F.,  
6 WOULD THAT NOT CUT DOWN THE NEEDED CAPACITY IN THAT ONE  
7 FACILITY?

8

9 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** I THINK THAT -- THESE ARE REALLY DIFFICULT  
10 TYPES OF QUESTIONS TO ANSWER AS FAR AS BECAUSE IT'S--

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12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M NOT CHALLENGING YOU. I'M TRYING TO  
13 UNDERSTAND THE DATA. I ASKED YOU TO DO A STUDY, IT'S LIKE BE  
14 CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

15

16 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** I'M NOT TRYING TO AVOID A QUESTION. THE  
17 DIFFICULTY FOR US IS REALLY THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAD TO  
18 WORK WITH AND THAT WE CREATED THESE PROJECTIONS ARE WHERE  
19 YOU'RE CURRENTLY AT. AND CURRENTLY AS YOU WALK THROUGH AND  
20 YOUR ABILITY TO MEASURE THE NUMBER. THE OTHER PIECE OF THIS IS  
21 THE PROJECTIONS ARE ALSO BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
22 COME INTO THE JAIL. SO IF THE TREATMENT FACILITY IF YOU DON'T  
23 HAVE THE ABILITY TO STABILIZE AND TREAT IN THAT FACILITY  
24 DURING THAT TIME, AND EVEN THE PEOPLE THAT ARE MOVED TO M.O.H.  
25 CAN COME IN ACUTELY SICK WITH OTHER PHYSICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS,

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1 WE HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE MEDICAL RECORDS  
2 OF PEOPLE OR TO DO A REAL EXAMINATION OF WHAT THEIR CONDITIONS  
3 ARE. I'M JUST SAYING AS A CLINICIAN, I'M VERY RELUCTANT TO SAY  
4 WITHOUT HAVING A REAL -- AND THIS IS WHY IT'S SO CRITICALLY  
5 IMPORTANT THAT THE MEDICAL INFORMATION SPEAKS TO EACH OTHER,  
6 THAT YOU HAVE THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE THESE ARE THE TYPE OF  
7 DECISIONS THAT SHOULD BE MADE.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TO ME IT'S NOT ONLY THAT, I MEAN THE  
10 MISTAKE WAS MADE DECADES AGO. AND WE ONLY RECOGNIZED IT AS A  
11 MISTAKE LATER OF CLOSING MENTAL HOSPITALS BUT NOT PUTTING  
12 ANYTHING IN ITS PLACE. BUT THAT WAS NOT THE INTENT WHEN THEY  
13 WERE CLOSED. EVERYBODY WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW PEOPLE WOULD BE  
14 TREATED IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT IT WAS NEVER FUNDED. ALL RIGHT.  
15 THAT'S VERY INSTRUCTIVE TO US, I THINK. AT LEAST TO ME.  
16 BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS INTENTION TO FUND IN THE  
17 COMMUNITY AND FUND IT AHEAD OF WHATEVER WE'RE DOING IN THIS  
18 EIGHT OR NINE-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PERIOD SO THAT WE ACTUALLY  
19 KNOW THAT WE HAVE PLACEMENT SO THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE EXPLORED  
20 IT AND BUILT IT.

21

22 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** I THINK THAT'S WHY WE INCLUDED IN OUR  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THERE'S  
24 CONCURRENT ANALYSIS THAT'S DONE AND THAT THERE'S SOME DISCRETE  
25 DATA MARKERS TO BEGIN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE THIS AND YOU

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1 SHOULD BE MAKING DECISIONS THAT ARE DATA-DRIVEN. I, FRANKLY, I  
2 DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN A POSITION WHERE YOU'RE MAKING A  
3 DECISION BASED ON AN OPINION THAT'S MINE OR ANY OTHER. BE YOU  
4 SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE THE DATA THAT SUPPORTS IT. THE DIAGRAM  
5 IS SIMPLIFIED OR OVER-SIMPLIFIED BECAUSE ACUITY IS A DIFFICULT  
6 CONCEPT TO UNDERSTAND, AS WELL. BUT JUST THE HOSPITAL EXAMPLE  
7 WHEN PEOPLE COME IN ACUTELY SICK, MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS THE  
8 CLINICAL PERSON TAKING CARE OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE WHO, FRANKLY,  
9 FREQUENTLY HAVE NO ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT  
10 SADLY, THE JAIL IS THE FIRST TIME FOR MANY PEOPLE THAT THEY  
11 HAVE ACCESS TO ANY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OR PHYSICAL HEALTH  
12 SERVICES. JUST STABILIZING A PERSON SOMETIMES IS A CRITICAL  
13 PIECE OF THAT. SO I THINK PART OF THIS FOR ALL OF US, TOO, IS  
14 MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THAT CAPACITY THAT EVEN AS YOU MOVE PEOPLE  
15 IN THROUGH QUICKLY AND THAT CONTINUUM OF CARE WE TALK ABOUT,  
16 WE ALL REALLY BELIEVE IT MAY BE PARTIALLY STABLIZING OR A  
17 SHORT TIME AND THEN IT'S FINDING THE RIGHT PLACE FOR THEM IN A  
18 COMMUNITY SO THAT YOU HAVE THAT WARM HANDOFF BECAUSE THE OTHER  
19 PLACE THAT PEOPLE DECOMPENSATE VERY QUICKLY IS WHEN THEY'RE  
20 TRANSITIONED BACK IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THERE ISN'T  
21 SOMEWHERE TO CATCH THEM OR THERE ISN'T CONTINUATION OF CARE.  
22 SO I THINK PEOPLE BEFORE HAVE SPOKE ABOUT URGENT CARE AND THE  
23 NEED FOR CARE BEYOND THAT. I THINK THIS IS A PIECE OF  
24 BEGINNING TO LOOK AT YOU HAVE 17,000 PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
25 INCARCERATED AND THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS THIS BUILDING. THIS

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1 IS WHERE THEY'RE GETTING THEIR CARE. AND IT'S INADEQUATE FOR  
2 THAT CARE.

3

4 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** MADAME SUPERVISOR, CAN I TRY TO ANSWER  
5 THAT QUESTION A LITTLE BIT.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WOULD LOVE ALL OF YOU TO ANSWER IT.

8

9 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** SO FOCUSING ON THE M.O.H. POPULATION,  
10 YOU'VE TARGETED THE 2,400 TO 2,600. WHAT WE HAVE TO BE  
11 INFORMED ABOUT IS THAT AT THE 2,025 MARK IT GOES TO 3,550.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHY IS THAT?

14

15 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** BECAUSE THE PROJECTIONS OF BOTH THE  
16 POPULATION GOING UP AND THE MENTAL HEALTH.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAVE TO SAY, ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD,  
19 I'M NOT SURE I BUY THAT. IN ESSENCE WHAT WE SAID IS THE  
20 POPULATION IS GOING TO GROW IN THE COUNTY, THEREFORE THOSE WHO  
21 ARE NEED IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS GOING TO GROW, THEREFORE  
22 THOSE THAT WE HAVE TO PUT IN JAIL IS GOING TO GROW. I THINK  
23 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO SET UP HERE IS A DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE  
24 MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS POPULATION GROWING AND WE HAVE TO PUT  
25 THEM IN JAIL. THIS IS NOT AN APPLAUSE SPEECH. I'M REALLY



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1 TRYING TO GET TO SOMETHING, AND I THINK THEY ARE, TOO. I  
2 APPRECIATE ALL THE ADVOCATES WHO ARE HERE AND THE INTELLIGENCE  
3 THEY BRING.

4

5 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** WE COME FROM THE SAME PLACE. WE WANT  
6 THE LOW RISK PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO IF'S ANDS OR  
7 BUTTS, BUT WE ARE ALSO AT A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE TO CONSIDER  
8 WHAT HAPPENED IN THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE U.C.I. PROJECTIONS THAT  
9 ARE PROJECTING THE POPULATION GOING UP. U.C.I. IS PROJECTING  
10 HIGH SECURITY POPULATION GOING UP. THAT'S NOT YOUR DIVERTIBLE  
11 POPULATION. YOU HAVE H.M.A. AND P.B.A. PROJECTING THE  
12 POPULATION GOING UP. L.A. COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION IS  
13 LOWER THAN VIRTUALLY EVERY OTHER LARGE COUNTY SYSTEM BECAUSE  
14 I, FRANKLY, THINK WE'RE UNDERIDENTIFYING THEM. AS WE GET MORE  
15 CLINICIANS, WE WILL DO MORE TREATMENT AND HAVE MORE NEED. NOW,  
16 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH D.M.H. ON A 42-BED COMMUNITY-BASED  
17 PROGRAM FOR YOUR M.O.H. POPULATION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY  
18 HARD TO IDENTIFY THAT POPULATION. TO DATE I'VE HAD TO OVERRIDE  
19 MANY INMATES WHO ARE TESTING HIGH RISK FOR VIOLENCE TO PLACE  
20 THEM IN THOSE COMMUNITIES. WE ASKED D.A. LACEY'S TEAM TO LOOK  
21 AT MISDEMEANORS INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL. THEY'RE NOT  
22 CLEARING THEM FOR MOVING THEM. AND THEY AREN'T CLEARING THEM  
23 FOR POSTMENT. SO WHILE IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PROGRAM PEOPLE IN  
24 THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE LOW RISK, WE ALSO HAVE TO BE IN A PLACE  
25 WHERE WE RECOGNIZE WE'VE GOT TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. AND THIS

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1 DOESN'T EVEN ADDRESS OVERCROWDING IN THE REST OF THE SYSTEM  
2 NOR DOES IT ADDRESS THE PROJECTIONS OF THE REST OF THE  
3 POPULATION. AND SO WE JUST WANT TO GO IN EYES WIDE OPEN  
4 PUSHING US TO PUT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND  
5 YOU. BUT ALSO RECOGNIZING WE CAN'T SET THIS UP TO A PLACE IN  
6 WHICH IT LEADS TO EARLY RELEASE.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I SEE IT AS A CONTINUUM. AND IN MANY WAYS  
9 YOU'RE GOING TO BE AT A HIGHER NUMBER THAN I AM. AND I'M  
10 TRYING TO LOOK AT THE DATA AND SEE WHAT MIGHT BE REALISTIC IN  
11 TERMS OF OUR COMMITMENT TO TREATING PEOPLE INSTEAD OF SIMPLY  
12 INCARCERATING THEM IN A FACILITY WHERE EVERYBODY TALKED  
13 EARLIER THEY'RE NOT GETTING ANY BETTER AND WE NEED SOMETHING  
14 DIFFERENT.

15

16 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL IF I MAY. MARV SOUTHARD,  
17 DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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19 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** I THINK ONE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE  
20 DEVELOPING TO DO THE KIND OF DIVERSION THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR  
21 SUCCESSFULLY IN THE COMMUNITY IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
22 MEDICAID, ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIATED WITH  
23 THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM. THE WAIVER TO IMPLEMENT THAT PROGRAM  
24 WILL PROBABLY BE FINALLY APPROVED BY C.M.S. IN THE NEXT WEEK  
25 OR TWO. AND AS THAT PROGRAM ROLLS OUT, IT WILL PROVIDE AN

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1 ENTITLEMENT TO DETOX, INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS AND  
2 RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS. AND I BELIEVE THAT WILL HAVE TREMENDOUS  
3 EFFECT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION IN THE JAIL BECAUSE  
4 MOST OF THE TIME WHEN MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE END UP BEING  
5 ARRESTED, IT'S NOT JUST THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS, IT'S THE  
6 COMBINATION OF THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS AND AN ADDICTION THAT GETS  
7 THEM ARRESTED.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT DIRECTOR SOUTHARD, DID YOU NOTICE THAT  
10 IN THE PROJECTION FOR C.C.T.F., THERE WERE NO SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
11 BEDS, AM I CORRECT?

12

13 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** THE MEDICAL DETOX BEDS WERE IN THERE.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DETOX, RIGHT. BUT THAT WAS THE SAME AS  
16 ASSISTANT ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD'S PROJECTION WHEN WE WERE  
17 KIND OF UP AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR THIS FACILITY. AND THEN  
18 THERE WAS, AS YOU SAW THE NUMBERS, THERE WAS AN ESTIMATE WELL  
19 WE COULD GO AS LOW AS 3,900, BUT THAT MEANS NO SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
20 BEDS. I THINK THAT'S HOW YOU TOOK OUT 500 OR SO, RIGHT?

21

22 **ASST. SHERIFF MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM. WE TOOK THE 500 SUBSTANCE  
23 ABUSE BEDS OUT BUT ALSO REMEMBER WHEN I DID OUR PRESENTATION,  
24 I CAUTIONED THAT I DIDN'T HAVE PROJECTIONS IN YET. AND THEN WE  
25 GOT THE PROJECTIONS FROM U.C.I. THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR

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1 A YEAR TWO WEEKS LATER. BUT THAT'S A GOOD POINT, MADAME  
2 SUPERVISOR. BECAUSE LET'S ASSUME THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DIVERT  
3 MORE OF THE H.O.H. POPULATION OUT, THEN THIS IS A FLEXIBLE  
4 DESIGN, RIGHT? SO THEN WE CONVERT THOSE UNITS INTO DRUG  
5 TREATMENT FOR OUR HIGHEST RISK, NONMENTALLY ILL INMATES.  
6 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE TREATMENT SPACE IN THE REST OF OUR  
7 FACILITIES. AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FUTURE  
8 THINKING, FLEXIBLE DESIGN, DON'T LOCK OURSELVES INTO THE  
9 PARTICULAR POPULATION. BUT MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF  
10 TREATMENT SPACE THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM WE HAVE THE  
11 ABILITY TO DO IT.

12

13 **LINDA FALLUNWEIDER:** AND THE REASON THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ASIDE  
14 FROM ACUTE DETOX, REALLY, THEIR CLINICAL NEEDS ARE NURSING  
15 CARE NEEDS FOR MED DELIVERY AND THINGS LIKE THAT ARE MINIMAL.  
16 WHAT THEY REALLY NEED ARE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SPACE FOR  
17 PROGRAMMING, OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE IN THE  
18 COMMUNITY AND TO CARRY FORWARD TO WORK THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF  
19 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE WORKED. SO WE REALLY TRIED TO LOOK AT THAT  
20 C.C.T.S. SPACE AS A SPACE WHERE WE ALIGNED PEOPLE WITH ALL  
21 MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL NEEDS THAT REQUIRED MORE  
22 OBSERVATION IN A HIGHER NUMBER OF LICENSED CLINICAL PEOPLE  
23 BEING CONTACT WITH THEM.

24

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK JUST TO CLOSE MY PART. THANK YOU  
2    FOR YOUR PATIENCE, COLLEAGUES. IT WAS JUST INTERESTING TO ME  
3    BECAUSE WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE PROJECTIONS AND THE  
4    NUMBERS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED, ESSENTIALLY AND THE HEALTH  
5    COMMITMENT NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY, IT WAS PREINCARCERATION,  
6    POST INCARCERATION, AND THE CONTINUUM OF CARE WAS  
7    INCARCERATION AS A PART OF THAT. YES, DO PREVENTION. YES, DO  
8    POST SERVICES. BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE ARRESTED AND  
9    WE'RE GOING TO TREAT THEM THERE. I THINK WHERE WE MIGHT DIFFER  
10    SOMEWHAT IS IN OUR THINKING ABOUT WHERE THAT "THERE" IS IN  
11    TERMS OF TREATMENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO  
12    SOMETHING BECAUSE EVEN NOW PEOPLE ARE SENTENCED TO LOCKED  
13    FACILITIES. PEOPLE ARE SENTENCED TO TREATMENT, ET CETERA. SO I  
14    THINK THAT'S REALLY OUR HOPE AND JOB AND TRYING TO WORK  
15    TOGETHER, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF LIKE THIS  
16    NUMBER, THAT NUMBER, WE'RE GOING FIND A NUMBER. BUT I THINK  
17    THE GREATER COMMITMENT IS THAT WE'RE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A  
18    LONG TIME WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT TREATMENT. AND WE'RE REALLY  
19    LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVES. PEOPLE CALL IT DIVERSION. BUT AS  
20    SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ACTUALLY ALL  
21    OF US, IT'S A BIG CONCEPT OF DIVERSION, MORE THAN JUST THE  
22    PRETRIAL STUFF. IT'S ALL THESE DIFFERENT POINTS. ANYWAY, THANK  
23    YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE DATA. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.  
24    MAYOR.  
25

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY I  
2   THINK THE WAY I HEARD IT WAS THAT YOU MAY HAVE COME UP WITH A  
3   NUMBER, BUT IT'S ALL NOT JUST INCARCERATION BEDS BUT TREATMENT  
4   BEDS WHERE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT AT ONE POINT I BELIEVE MAYBE  
5   A FOUR-PERSON SITUATION AND DEPENDING UPON THE TREATMENT THAT  
6   PERSON WAS GETTING THE OTHER THREE BEDS WOULD BE VACANT,  
7   CORRECT?

8

9   **TERRI MCDONALD:** CORRECT.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE:** SO THIS IS THE FLEXIBILITY THAT I THINK YOU WERE  
12   TRYING TO ADDRESS IN THE TREATMENT PROCESS AND NOT JUST  
13   STRAIGHT A NUMBER TO INCARCERATE, CORRECT? THANK YOU.

14

15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR? YES, THANK YOU FOR THE  
16   INFORMATION. I'M A LITTLE BEFUDDLED, THOUGH, BECAUSE I THINK  
17   THAT THERE'S A LOT OF FIGURES THAT WE'VE BEEN THROWING AROUND  
18   NOW FOR SOMETIME. AND I HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING WHEN WE TALK  
19   ABOUT DIVERSION AND REALLY TRYING TO BUILD OUT SERVICES IN THE  
20   COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE PROBABLY NOT AT HIGH RISK, I  
21   LOOK AT YOUR MAP AND I SEE A BIG HOLE, A GAP IN THE SAN  
22   GABRIEL VALLEY. SO MY CONCERN IS WHILE WE'RE MOVING AHEAD,  
23   FAST FORWARD 10 YEARS, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IN TERMS OF OUR  
24   RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP PROVIDE FOR ABILITIES FOR DIFFERENT  
25   GROUPS TO BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH US, TO PROVIDE A DIVERSION?

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1 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE SEE POPULATION GROWTH AND I'M SEEING A  
2 FIGURE THAT SAYS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GROW BY 14.2 PERCENT IN  
3 THE JAIL POPULATION. MY SENSE IS THAT SOME WILL BE COMING FROM  
4 MY AREA. SOME MAY BE IN NEED OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS. AND RIGHT  
5 NOW THERE'S A BIG GAP. SO I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I  
6 THINK WE'RE WAY BEHIND. MAYBE 20 YEARS BEHIND IN WHAT WE  
7 SHOULD BE DOING. THIS IS MORE OF A COMMENT. BUT MY CONCERN IS  
8 THAT HOW FAST CAN WE DO THAT? AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW --  
9 AND THIS IS PROBABLY SOMETHING YOU CAN COME BACK TO LATER ON  
10 IS THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS. WHAT DOES IT COST TO INCARCERATE  
11 SOMEONE THAT NEEDS SOBRIETY AND ALL THAT OTHER TREATMENT THAT  
12 THEY COULD GET OUTSIDE AND DO THAT COMPARISON? THAT, TO ME,  
13 WILL DETERMINE WHERE I GO. I AM ALSO CONCERNED THAT WHILE WE  
14 HAVE TRIGGERS IN PLACE FOR MIRA LOMA, THAT MAY REQUIRE US TO  
15 TAKE ACTION ON AUGUST THE 17TH OR THE END OF SEPTEMBER, I'M  
16 ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT KIND OF SERVICES ARE  
17 THERE THAT ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED. AND, AGAIN, THE QUESTION  
18 FOR ME IS: HOW WELL EQUIPPED ARE WE GOING TO BE ESTABLISHING  
19 THAT PARTICULAR FACILITY FOR WOMEN WHILE WE KNOW THAT WOMEN  
20 RIGHT NOW -- EVIDENCE SHOWS US THAT THEY NEED A LOT OF  
21 DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICES. AND I DON'T WANT TO SHORTCHANGE  
22 THEM, EITHER. SO BECAUSE WE'RE GOING AFTER THE CARROT, YOU CAN  
23 SEE THE STATE WANTING TO GIVE US MONEY. WHAT DO WE HAVE IN  
24 PLACE TO BE PREPARED FOR THAT POPULATION? AND MAYBE THAT  
25 POPULATION ALSO WILL SHRINK IF WE START TO LOOK AND ANALYZE



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1 AND WE CAN PROVIDE SERVICES OUTSIDE AND BE ABLE TO ADDRESS  
2 THEIR NEEDS. I KNOW WOMEN INMATES ARE DIFFERENT. AND JUST  
3 BASED AND I SAW FROM MY PERSPECTIVE RIGHT NOW, BUT WHEN I  
4 VISITED THE WOMEN AT TWIN TOWERS, I SAW A STARK DISTINCTION IN  
5 TERMS OF WHAT WOMEN WERE DOING IN A SETTING WHERE THEY WERE  
6 WORKING AS A GROUP ON EDUCATION, ON PLANNING, ON TRYING TO  
7 EARN POINTS SO THEY COULD REUNITE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THAT  
8 DOESN'T TELL ME I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS  
9 WERE. I'M SURE THEY VARIED. BUT JUST THE SENSE THAT I SAW THIS  
10 DIFFERENT SOCIALIZATION OCCURRING WITH THAT GROUP OF WOMEN TO  
11 ME WAS COMPELLING ENOUGH TO SAY THERE ARE OTHER THINGS OUT  
12 HERE THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING TO HELP THEM. AND THAT'S WHERE  
13 I'M COMING FROM. THAT'S MY POINT OF VIEW. MY OPINION THAT I'D  
14 LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THAT HAPPEN. AND WHILE THEY'RE IN JAIL,  
15 MEN AND WOMEN, FIGURING OUT ALSO WHAT TREATMENT CAN BE MADE  
16 AVAILABLE? SO THERE'S AN INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO DO BETTER WHILE  
17 THEY ARE BEING DETAINED BY US SO THAT THEY CAN GET OUT AND  
18 REUNITE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY AND HOPEFULLY GET ON THEIR FEET.  
19 THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED AS WE  
20 MOVE FORWARD. QUITE FRANKLY, THIS IS A LOT OF INFORMATION. BUT  
21 I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S MORE THAT CAN BE DONE. AND THE  
22 SEVERITY OF THOSE INMATES IN TERMS OF BEDS GOING TO BE NEEDED?  
23 I, TOO, HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. HOW DO YOU GET TO THAT  
24 PARTICULAR NUMBER AS OPPOSED TO THOSE THAT CAN BE RELEASED  
25 INTO OUR COMMUNITY? AND WE CAN POSSIBLY SAVE MONEY. SO THOSE

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1 ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE IN THE BACK OF MY MIND. THANK  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD, WHAT I FIND MYSELF BEING IMPRESSED BY TODAY IS THE  
8 FOLLOWING. WE HAVE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TALKED ABOUT THE  
9 ISSUE OF JAIL MODERNIZATION, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. AND NOW  
10 WE'VE BEGUN TO THINK ABOUT THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION, THE ISSUE  
11 OF TREATMENT WITH MORE INTENTIONALITY AND CLARITY. I THINK  
12 THAT'S A GOOD THING. AND WE HAVE A TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO ARE  
13 COMMITTED TO SEEING THIS THROUGH, BOTH THE SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT WITH THE NEW SHERIFF WITH A D.A. WHO GETS IT, WITH  
15 THE BOARD WHO GETS IT AND WHO'S COMMITTED TO IT WITH AMPLE  
16 STUDIES THAT GIVE INDICATION TO WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE,  
17 MORE CONVERSATION NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE, I THINK, ABOUT WHAT  
18 BEST PRACTICES ARE. WHERE THEY ARE CLEARLY LOCATED, WHERE  
19 THERE'S CONSENSUS. MORE CONVERSATION NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE WITH  
20 RESPECT TO WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE IN TERMS OF INTENSITY OR  
21 THE SPECIFIC FOCUS OR LOCUS LET'S SAY OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE  
22 HAVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THERE IS MORE  
23 DISCUSSION THAT OUGHT TO TAKE PLACE. AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO  
24 DOING THAT. BUT THE GOOD NEWS TODAY IS THAT THERE IS BALANCE  
25 BEING BROUGHT TO THIS CONVERSATION. OVERDUE BALANCE. IN OTHER

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1 WORDS, IT'S BEEN MY CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS  
2 SURROUNDING PUBLIC SAFETY HAVE HAD AN EMPHASIS ON JAIL  
3 CONSTRUCTION AND JAIL MODERNIZATION OVERDEVELOPED AND THE  
4 DISCUSSION ABOUT TREATMENT DIVERSION AND THE LIKE HAS BEEN  
5 WOEFULLY UNDERDEVELOPED. WE ARE NOW BRINGING SOME BALANCE TO  
6 THIS CONVERSATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN MY VIEW, THAT IS A  
7 GOOD THING. AN APPROPRIATE THING. THE MAIN THING. IT IS THE  
8 COST-EFFECTIVE THING. IT CAUSES US TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF  
9 PUBLIC POLICY AND FISCAL POLICY. SO I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE  
10 HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I DO NOT WANT IT TO BE THOUGHT  
11 FOR ONE MOMENT THAT ANYTHING THAT WILL BE DONE WILL BE AN  
12 ABANDONMENT OR FUNDAMENTAL DUTY TO UPHOLD PUBLIC SAFETY. BUT I  
13 DO NOT THINK THAT WE HAVE TO VIEW THIS IN A DICHOTOMOUS  
14 MANNER. IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN DO WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO IN TERMS  
15 OF HOLDING HIGH STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SAFETY. THAT  
16 WOULD INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF INCARCERATION AND DO  
17 WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN TERMS OF HUMANE TREATMENT OF THOSE  
18 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL BUT ALSO SPEAKING TO THE ISSUES OF  
19 DIVERSION WITH MORE CREATIVITY, WITH MORE IMAGINATION AND THE  
20 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE OUR EXPANDING  
21 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA WITH RESPECT TO DIVERSION. THAT'S WHEN WE  
22 WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MORE OF WHAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR COUNTY  
23 OF THE SIZE AND SORT OF LOS ANGELES. SO I WISH TO SUGGEST THAT  
24 THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BEING MADE HERE. MY HOPE IS WE  
25 COME TO THE DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE

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1 THIS FORWARD WITH THE KIND OF THOUGHTFULNESS THAT IS BEING  
2 CALLED FOR BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD DIGGING MORE DEEPLY INTO  
3 THE REPORTS THAT ARE BEFORE US. THE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. WE  
4 MUST ACT PRUDENTLY, INTELLIGENTLY AND IN A BALANCED WAY. THANK  
5 GOD WE'RE GIVING MORE ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION  
6 BECAUSE I THINK ULTIMATELY THAT'S WHAT WILL MAKE OUR  
7 COMMUNITIES BETTER. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE WILL MOVE TO  
10 RECEIVE IT. OH NO. TAKE THAT BACK. WE HAVE 40 PEOPLE WHO WANT  
11 TO SPEAK ON THIS. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER, WE WILL HAVE TO  
12 KEEP YOU TO ONE MINUTE. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, JESS HEANEY, MARSHA  
13 TEMPLE. PATRICIA RUSSELL.

14

15 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, WE NEED TO KIND OF KEEP IT  
18 MOVING.

19

20 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** BEEN HERE ALL DAY. WHAT'S MISSING?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SIR, WE NEED TO PROCEED.

23

24 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. A SAGE ONCE WAS CONFRONTED  
25 BUY A CYNIC WHO SAID "IS THE BIRD I'VE GOT IN MY HAND ALIVE OR

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1 DEAD?" WELL THE SAGE WAS PRETTY SMART AND KNEW THAT WHATEVER  
2 THEY SAY WOULD BE WRONG. SO THE SAGE SAID "THE ANSWER IS IN  
3 YOUR HAND." AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, TOO. IF YOU BUILD  
4 AND IF YOU DEMAND FROM THE STATE ACTIVE FUNDING, IF YOU STAY  
5 AWAY FROM THAT ADDICTION THAT THE STATE HAS OF LEASE REVENUE  
6 BONDS WHICH IS AN UNPERMITTED THEFT FROM THE FUTURE BECAUSE  
7 THE VOTERS DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON THAT, AND YOU KNOW  
8 IT, SENATOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AS A SENATOR AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS  
9 A SENATOR, YOU VOTED FOR THOSE THINGS, THAT IS GOING TO KILL,  
10 AS CALIFORNIA HAS LEARNED, HERE'S WHAT CALIFORNIA HAS PROVEN.  
11 IF YOU OVERBUILD THEM, YOU WILL OVERFILL THEM BECAUSE YOU'LL  
12 STEAL FROM THE SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY,  
13 THE DISINVESTED COMMUNITIES FROM FALLING EVEN FURTHER BEHIND  
14 AND SUPPLYING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE FOR A SYSTEM THAT YOU'LL  
15 THEN HAVE EXPERTS COME AND SAY WE NEED TO GROW THE JAILS  
16 BIGGER. IF YOU OVERBUILD THEM, YOU WILL OVERFILL THEM. AND YOU  
17 DON'T KNOW. YOU GOT TO DO REDUCTION BEFORE CONSTRUCTION.  
18 BEFORE. SEE THE REDUCTION FIRST. NOT THE WORDS ABOUT  
19 REDUCTION. SEE IT HAPPEN. JOHNSON.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ZONDRE JOHNSON. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** I AM MARSHA TEMPLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
24 INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. I FOUND MANY THINGS IN H.M.A.'S  
25 REPORT POSITIVE, ESPECIALLY THE IDEA OF DETOX FOR PEOPLE WHO

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1 ARE IN JAILS. TOO DANGEROUS NOT TO DO THAT. WHAT I DON'T  
2 UNDERSTAND: HOW H.M.A. CAME UP WITH THE DATA TO SUPPORT THE  
3 CONCLUSION THAT CRIME IN LOS ANGELES WILL RISE IN DIRECT  
4 PROPORTION TO THE INCREASE IN POPULATION. 2012 MARKED THE  
5 TENTH STRAIGHT YEAR THAT CRIME DECLINED IN LOS ANGELES. THE  
6 CITY IS NOW HAS THE LOWEST CRIME RATE IN THE COUNTRY FOR  
7 CITIES OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE. YES, THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT  
8 INCREASE, A SPIKE IN CRIME. BUT A SPIKE IS NOT A TREND.  
9 BESIDES, A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION INCREASE IN LOS  
10 ANGELES IS BECAUSE OF OLDER PEOPLE WHO ARE STAYING ALIVE  
11 LONGER. AND THESE ARE THE LEAST LIKELY PEOPLE TO COMMIT  
12 CRIMES, AM I RIGHT? THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHEILA PINKLE.  
15 YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** PATRICIA RUSSELL. NAMI. SERVICE AREA 2  
18 COCHAIR. MY SON'S BEEN IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL A NUMBER OF TIMES.  
19 HE'S ALMOST DIED IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. THE MEDICAL SITUATION  
20 THERE IS THE LADY WAS TALKING ABOUT IS NOT RIGHT. WE'RE  
21 TALKING ABOUT A JAIL IN SEVEN TO TEN YEARS. WHAT ABOUT THE MEN  
22 THAT ARE IN JAIL, THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE IN JAIL RIGHT  
23 NOW? WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW. WE CAN'T WAIT  
24 FOR SEVEN YEARS AND ALL THAT TALK ABOUT THIS OR THAT. THERE'S  
25 HUMAN BEINGS IN THE JAIL. AND MY SON WAS SENT OUT OF THE JAIL

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1 BECAUSE HE WAS BANGING HIS HEAD AGAINST THE WALL AND WHEN THEY  
2 TOOK HIS BLOOD TEST AT L.A.U.S.C., HIS KIDNEYS WERE FAILING  
3 HAVE THEN THEY SHIPPED HIM BACK TO I.R.C., WHICH IS THE INMATE  
4 RECEPTION CENTER WHERE HE WAS IN A FETAL POSITION ON THE  
5 FLOOR, NOT ABLE TO MOVE IN A TERRIBLY WEAK CONDITION. HE COULD  
6 HAVE DIED THERE. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING NOW IN THE INTERIM  
7 FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE IN JAIL. GIVE THEM  
8 EDUCATIONAL-BASED INCARCERATION JUST LIKE THE OTHER INMATES  
9 HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP GENERAL  
12 DOGON AND PETE WHITE. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **JESS HEANEY:** MY NAME IS JESS HEANEY, I'M WITH CRITICAL  
15 RESISTANCE AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS COALITION. LIKE THE PERSON  
16 WHO SPOKE BEFORE ME, I HAVE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE YOU  
17 GET THE DATA PLANNING FOR 2025 WITH HUGE INCREASES IN THE  
18 POPULATION IN THE JAILS. THAT'S THE SAME FEARMONGERING AND  
19 CRISIS SPECULATION OF THE '70S AND '80S THAT GOT US HERE IN  
20 THE FIRST PLACE. SO WHY ARE YOU PLANNING FOR MORE DISASTER AND  
21 HARM? IN 10 YEARS WE COULD DO INCREDIBLE THINGS IN LOS  
22 ANGELES. I SEE THAT THIS IS CLEARLY STEAM ROLLING AHEAD FOR A  
23 MONEY GRAB FOR \$100 MILLION TO BUILD HARMFUL INFRASTRUCTURE.  
24 IT'S DISGRACEFUL TO PLAN TO LOCK UP THOUSANDS MORE OF BLACK  
25 AND BROWN COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL



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1 HEALTH ISSUES. I FIND THE FRAMEWORK THAT JAIL BEING A  
2 CONTINUUM OF CARE ALSO TO BE DISGRACEFUL AND ASTONISHING. JAIL  
3 IS NOT A LEGITIMATE PART OF HEALTHCARE. AS D.P.N.S REPORT THAT  
4 THEY RELEASED TODAY SHOWED JAILS ACTUALLY COMPOUND HEALTH  
5 ISSUES AND DO INCREDIBLE HARM TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO PROVIDE A  
6 CONTINUUM OF CARE, DETOX HAS TO BE OUT OF JAILS, MENTAL HEALTH  
7 HAS TO BE OUT OF JAIL. AND PEOPLE HAVE TO HAVE ADEQUATE  
8 RESOURCES BEFORE AND AFTER.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO NICHOLAS DAHMANN. YES,  
11 MA'AM?

12

13 **SHEILA PINKLE:** SHEILA PINKLE L.A. NO MORE JAILS AND CURB. I,  
14 TOO, WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THE STATISTICS IN THE REPORT  
15 AND THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF GROWTH OF BEDS THAT  
16 WAS PUT FORTH IN THE REPORT. THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION GIVEN  
17 FOR THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE JAIL POPULATION WILL GROW 1-1/2  
18 TIMES FASTER THAN THE COUNTY POPULATION BETWEEN 2015 AND 2035.  
19 NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THAT ASSUMPTION OF GROWTH RATE OF JAIL  
20 POPULATION AT A TIME WHEN EVERYBODY'S WORKING VERY HARD TO  
21 REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION WHEN LAST WEEK THIS VERY BODY  
22 ACCEPTED THE MCARTHUR GRANT TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO REDUCE THE  
23 JAIL POPULATION. THIS REPORT IS GOING IN THE OPPOSITE  
24 DIRECTION OF THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND OUR TIME.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JUDITH  
2    STEVENS. YES, SIR.

3

4    **GENERAL DOGON:** I'M GENERAL DOGON. I HAVE SUZETTE SHAW'S TIME,  
5    AS WELL. MR. DOGON, WE WILL GIVE YOU TWO MINUTES.

6

7    **GENERAL DOGON:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GENERAL DOGON,  
8    I'M A CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZER RIGHT HERE ON SKID ROW WITH THE  
9    LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT  
10    WITH DIGNITY AND POWER, CURB, AND NO NEW JAILS COALITION AND  
11    RIGHT NOW. WHEN I FIRST WITHENT INTO THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL IT  
12    WAS IN 1980 THE LAST TIME I WITHENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL WAS IN  
13    2012 AND MY 32 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS,  
14    THE ONLY NEW THINGS THAT I HAVE SEEN WAS NEW JAIL  
15    CONSTRUCTION. AND THE NEW IMAND IMPROVED JAIL RULES AND TOOLS  
16    THAT'S USED TO CONTROL AND OPPRESS INMATES ON A DAILY BASIS.  
17    ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME OF THE NEW CHANGES THAT NEED TO  
18    HAPPEN, LIKE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE STILL GOING ON RIGHT  
19    NOW, AS WELL, IS THAT INMATES ARE STILL BEING THROWN IN  
20    OVERCROWDED CELLS. NO MEDICATION GIVEN TO INMATES OR THE WRONG  
21    MEDICATION. MEDICATION THAT'S GIVEN THAT DON'T SUPPORT WHAT  
22    THE CAUSE IS. ALSO THE USE OF FORCE. USE OF FORCE, RACIAL  
23    DISCRIMINATION AND RACIAL PROFILING ON A DAILY BASIS ALL DAY  
24    JUST IN THE COUNTY JAILS. EVEN SOME OF THE NURSES THAT'S  
25    SUPPOSED TO BE THERE TO HELP PEOPLE TALK ABOUT MEDICAL CARE

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1 AND MENTAL CARE, SOME OF THE NURSES THAT WORK IN THE HOSPITAL  
2 EVEN ADAPTED THE SHERIFF'S PHILOSOPHY AND HARASS AND PROFILE  
3 AND DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE. SO SOME OF THE  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT I HAVE FOR FOLKS HERE IS TO SIMPLY EMPLOY  
5 MORE SMART TEAMS. WE NEED MORE SMART TEAMS IN THE COMMUNITY.  
6 WE DON'T WANT THE COPS AS FIRST RESPONDERS. SECOND THING IS  
7 THE HOOVER COMMISSION IN 2006 SAID THAT PRISONERS WOULD BEST  
8 BE SERVED IN OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS. I NEVER SEEN NONE OF THAT  
9 IMPLEMENTED. NEED TO GO BACK TO THAT. AND THEN ALSO I WOULD  
10 LIKE TO SAY I HEARD THE STATEMENT SAID BUILDING FOR BEST  
11 PRACTICE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ARREST ME TO RESCUE ME. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW JUDITH STEVENS. MELLO DESIRE. MATT  
14 DOON. YES, SIR.

15

16 **PETE WHITE:** MY NAME IS PETE WHITE. I HAVE ASHLEY HALL'S TIME.  
17 I THINK SO THAT MEANS I HAVE TWO MINUTES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHOSE TIME?

20

21 **PETE WHITE:** ASHLEY HALL'S TIME. YOU CAN START ME UP AGAIN.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL START YOU UP AGAIN.

24

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1   **PETE WHITE:** THANK YOU, SIR. SO WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS  
2   MALIGNED NEGLECT. AND WE HAVE GOT TO BREAK THIS APPETITE FOR  
3   INCARCERATION, PARTICULARLY WHEN OUR JAILS ARE FULL OF PEOPLE  
4   WHO WOULD BE BETTER SERVED IN OUTPATIENT FACILITIES OR BETTER  
5   SERVED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. PARTICULARLY WHEN OUR CRIME STATS  
6   AT AN AGGREGATE IS AT A 50-YEAR LOW. PARTICULARLY WE'RE PAYING  
7   CONSULTANTS \$5 MILLION TO SIT HERE THAT CANNOT EVEN ANSWER THE  
8   BASIC QUESTIONS THAT YOU ASKED. PARTICULARLY WHEN WE COME  
9   BEFORE YOU TO TALK AND YOU LOOK AWAY. WE KNOW WHAT WORKS BEST  
10   IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SECOND, WE NEED TO REFRAME OUR DEFINITION  
11   OF PUBLIC SAFETY. FROM THE COMMUNITY'S VANTAGE POINT PUBLIC  
12   SAFETY ISN'T ABOUT HOSPITALS THAT ARE REALLY JAILS. IT'S NOT  
13   ABOUT MORE POLICE, MORE BEDS. IT'S ABOUT REINVESTING IN  
14   COMMUNITIES, RIGHT? IT'S ABOUT EDUCATION. IT'S ABOUT HOUSING.  
15   IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITY-BASED INTERVENTIONS THAT WE ARE ROLLING  
16   OUT EVERY DAY. WE HAVE GOT TO REFRAME THIS PUBLIC SAFETY  
17   NARRATIVE AWAY FROM CONSULTANTS THAT ARE MAKING MONEY ON OUR  
18   BACKS AND ON OUR MISERY. WE NEED TO REFRAME THE NARRATIVE NOW.  
19   THAT FEAR-BASED DOG WHISTLE POLITICS, PARTICULARLY WE'RE AT A  
20   50-YEAR LOW IN CRIME DOES NOT WORK IN COMMUNITY. IT MIGHT WORK  
21   INSIDE THAT HORSESHOE BUT IT DOESN'T WORK OUTSIDE. NOW I KNOW  
22   EARLIER TODAY Y'ALL WAS LIFTING MANY MARTIN LUTHER KING  
23   QUOTES. WHEN HE WAS IN THE BIRMINGHAM JAIL IN 1956 HE SAID  
24   THAT "OUR PEOPLE ARE SMOTHERING IN AN AIRTIGHT CAGE OF  
25   POVERTY. POVERTY IS THE GREATEST FORM OF VIOLENCE FACING THE

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1 NEGRO." AND SO NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC  
2 SAFETY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
3 THAT'S WHAT'S REALLY GOING TO MAKE US SAFE. ANTONOVICH AND  
4 OTHERS AND KNABE, YOU CAN LOOK UP AND LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M  
5 TALKING TO YOU IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT YOU  
6 WHEN YOU WERE LISTENING TO THE \$5 MILLION CONSULTANTS WHO  
7 DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER TO ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN RIVERS. KIM  
10 MCGILL. YES, SIR.

11

12 **NICHOLAS DAHMANN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS NICHOLAS DAHMANN ONCE  
13 AGAIN. IT'S BEEN SUGGESTED THAT CLICHES, STOCK PHRASES,  
14 ADHERENCE TO CONVENTIONAL STANDARDIZED CODES OF EXPRESSION AND  
15 CONDUCT HAVE THE SOCIALLY RECOGNIZED FUNCTION OF PROTECTING US  
16 AGAINST REALITY, THAT IS AGAINST THE CLAIM ON OUR THINKING, ON  
17 OUR ATTENTION, WHICH IN ALL EVENTS FACTS MUST BE AROUSED BY,  
18 BY VIRTUE INDEED OF THEIR VERY EXISTENCE. NOW, AS AN ACADEMIC,  
19 HOPEFULLY FINISHING UP MY DISSERTATION QUITE SOON, THERE'S  
20 ACTUALLY NOT BEEN A LOT NEW THAT'S BEEN STATED HERE. AND ONE  
21 NEEDN'T BE PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT GOOGLE TO FIND THAT OUT,  
22 EITHER. OR BEST CASE STUDIES FROM ELSEWHERE. BUT, REALLY,  
23 BUILDING MORE PRISONS IS LIKE TRYING TO SOLVE THE HOUSING  
24 CRISIS BY BUILDING MORE HOMES. IT'S ABSOLUTE INSANITY. STOP  
25 IT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHABINA  
3 TOORAWA. YES, SIR.

4

5 **MATT:** HI, I'M MATT FROM CRITICAL RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES. I  
6 JUST WANT TO SAY IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE ART LABOE HERE  
7 TODAY. I THINK THAT WAS A REAL TREAT. ADDS MANY OF YOU KNOW,  
8 HIS RADIO SHOW IS REALLY POPULAR ESPECIALLY IN COMMUNITIES OF  
9 COLOR AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED. A LOT OF  
10 LISTENERS REGULARLY CALL IN TO THE SHOW TO GIVE THEIR LOVED  
11 ONES SOME COMFORT, IN TERMS OF SONG DEDICATIONS. AND SOME OF  
12 THOSE IN PRISON TALK HOW THIS IS KEY TO THEM BEING ABLE TO  
13 SURVIVE THE HORRORS AND TRAUMA OF PRISON AND STAY FOCUSED ON  
14 THE LOVE THAT WAITS FOR THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. NOW IMAGINE  
15 THOSE SAME PEOPLE WERE BE ABLE TO BE CLOSER TO THE LOVE IN  
16 THEIR COMMUNITIES HOW MUCH FASTER THAT HE COULD HEAL AND BE  
17 ABLE TO SPREAD THAT LOVE THAT ART LABOE SPREADS IF RESOURCES  
18 WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES RATHER THAN  
19 CAGES. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS SO MANY INSIDE THERE ELIGIBLE FOR  
20 RELEASE WHO AREN'T BEING RELEASED ARE IT NOW. WHY ARE WE  
21 TRYING TO BUILD MORE JAILS WHEN WE CAN REDUCE THE PRISON  
22 POPULATION RIGHT NOW AND EVEN DOWNSIZE THE NUMBER OF JAILS IN  
23 OPERATION. WHY ARE WE KEEPING PEOPLE AWAY FROM LOVE AND  
24 SUPPORT THAT AWAITS THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND RESOURCES THAT

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1 MONEY CAN PROVIDE TO CREATE A LOVING ENVIRONMENT FOR  
2 COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARY SUTTON AND  
5 ALSO RAYMOND LEWIS. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **KIM MCGILL:** KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION ALSO  
8 NO MORE JAILS COALITION. I THINK IN ALL MY TIME COMING HERE, I  
9 HAVE NEVER HEARD A MORE STUPID, ILL-FITTED, OVERSATURATED  
10 REPORT. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE IT IN ALL MY TIME  
11 COMING HERE. A WEEK AGO I TOLD YOU ABOUT CARLA FIGUEROA WHO AT  
12 THE AGE OF 23 WAS IN THE COUNTY JAIL JUST A COUPLE MONTHS AGO  
13 AND THEY WERE DRAINING FLUID FROM HER STOMACH EVERY WEEK BUT  
14 NEVER DIAGNOSED HER. THEY TRANSFERRED HER TO STATE PRISON  
15 ALTHOUGH SHE ONLY HAD A SHORT SENTENCE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN  
16 RELEASED IN NOVEMBER. AND IN STATE PRISON THEY DIAGNOSED HER  
17 WITH TERMINAL LEVEL 4 CANCER. SHE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND  
18 THEY REMOVED HER OVARIES. SHE WAS TAKEN AGAIN TO THE HOSPITAL  
19 AND THEY REMOVED HER UTERUS. TWO WEEKS AGO SHACKLED TO A BED  
20 IN OCEAN SIDE, NEVER RELOCATED TO L.A. TO BE WITH HER FAMILY  
21 SHE DIED. I CONSIDER HER HOMICIDE ON THE HANDS OF L.A. COUNTY  
22 AND ON THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THIS REPORT THAT WE JUST  
23 HEARD PROVES TO ME MANY THINGS. THAT WE AGAIN HAVE TO RELEASE  
24 THE TERMINALLY ILL, THE SERIOUSLY ILL AND THE ELDERLY FROM OUR  
25 JAILS. NO REASON TO HOUSE THEM THERE AT \$50,000 A YEAR. THAT



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1 WE NEED BAIL REFORM. AND RELEASE OF PEOPLE TO O.R. WHICH IS  
2 THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHT BEFORE WE BUILD A SINGLE  
3 OTHER CELL. THAT THE POPULATION INCREASE THAT PEOPLE TALK  
4 ABOUT IS BASED ON FAULTY SCIENCE. PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY SAID IT.  
5 WE'RE AT THE LOWEST VIOLENT CRIME RATES IN OUR HISTORY AND WE  
6 HAVEN'T INVESTED ANYTHING IN ALTERNATIVES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MARC ANTHONY JOHNSON AND GUADALUPE  
9 CHAVEZ.

10

11 **KIM MCGILL:** YOU CAN'T BUILD THE BEST OPERATE BEING IT IS. YOU  
12 CAN'T DETOX.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHOW RESPECT FOR THE OTHERS WHO HAVE  
15 TO SPEAK NOW. YES, MA'AM. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SHABINA TOORAWA:** HI, MY NAME IS SHABINA AND I'M WITH CRITICAL  
18 RESISTANCE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE L.A. NO MORE JAILS COALITION  
19 AND I'M A RESIDENT OF KNABE'S DISTRICT SO I'D LIKE YOU TO MAKE  
20 EYE CONTACT WITH ME WHILE I'M SPEAKING. I FIND IT EMBARRASSING  
21 THAT SOME OF THE -- THE SUM OF \$2 BILLION ARE IN THE HANDS OF  
22 DECISIONMAKERS THAT WOULD REACH OUT TO A GROUP LIKE HEALTH  
23 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE A BOGUS PRESENTATION THAT  
24 DOES NOT EVEN TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SOCIAL CONDITIONS,  
25 HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, OTHER VARIABLES THAT COULD BE

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1 IN PLACE IN ORDER TO PROJECT THE JAIL POPULATION. ALSO  
2 THROWING \$103 MILLION FOR A WOMEN'S JAIL IN LANCASTER OR ANY  
3 AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BUILD CAGES AND ISOLATE PEOPLE IN THE NAME  
4 OF HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, GENDER RESPONSIVENESS AND SAFETY  
5 GOES AGAINST COMMON SENSE. IF YOU'VE EVER HAD ANYONE CLOSE TO  
6 YOU WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, YOU WOULD KNOW THAT THEY NEED  
7 SUPPORT, HEALING AND CARE IN THEIR OWN FAMILIAR COMMUNITIES  
8 AND NO AMOUNT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, MENTAL ILLNESS OR  
9 CAGES THAT SUPPOSEDLY ADDRESS WOMEN'S NEEDS WILL EVER PROVIDE  
10 TRUE HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I'LL REPEAT THAT.  
11 JAILS DO NOT EQUAL SAFETY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
14 CHRISTINA TSAO. AND PETER ELIASBERG. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **MARY SUTTON:** MARY SUTTON. I'LL TAKE THAT EXTRA MINUTE AGAIN  
17 FOR SUSAN BURTON WHO HAD TO LEAVE. THE RESULTS OF THIS REPORT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE DIDN'T SIGN UP. SO YOU HAVE A  
20 MINUTE.

21

22 **MARY SUTTON:** OKAY. CAN YOU PUT MY TIME BACK?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH, WE'LL PUT YOUR TIME BACK.

25

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1   **MARY SUTTON:** THE RESULT OF THIS REPORT ARE EXTREMELY  
2   DISTURBING. THE HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES ADMITS THEMSELVES  
3   THEY HAD TO RELY ON ASSUMPTION. THE BIGGEST ASSUMPTION IS THAT  
4   L.A. COUNTY WITH THE SHERIFF AND ELITE WILL CONTINUE TO  
5   CONDUCT BUSINESS AS USUAL. AGAIN THE AGENCY HIRED TO DO THE  
6   JAIL ASSESSMENT HAD THE HUGE STAKE IN DOING BUSINESS IN THE  
7   CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY ARE ATTENDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
8   EXPO IN 2016. I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT A RESEARCH REPORT I RECENTLY  
9   DONE THAT REVIEWS THE MULTIFACETED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT  
10   THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE,  
11   ESPECIALLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CONTINUE TO MANEUVER TO INSURE  
12   THAT BILLIONS OF DOLLARS CONTINUE TO FLOW IN PRISON AND JAIL  
13   CONSTRUCTION. FOLLOW THE MONEY. SOMEBODY'S PUTTING MONEY IN  
14   SOMEONE'S BACK POCKET.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

17

18   **MARY SUTTON:** THE ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON DATA FROM THE  
19   SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS ASSESSMENT IS BASED ON HOLDING  
20   A.B.109 PEOPLE FOR THE LONGEST POSSIBLE TIME. OTHER COUNTIES  
21   ARE HOLDING THEM 30 PERCENT. L.A. COUNTY IS HOLDING THEM 90  
22   PERCENT OF THE TIME.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP EUNICE  
25   HERNANDEZ. THANK YOU. YES.

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1

2 **MARK ANTHONY-JOHNSON:** MARK ANTHONY-JOHNSON WITH DIGNITY AND  
3 POWER NOW. I SHARE THE FRUSTRATION AND OUTRAGE OF THE GROUP ON  
4 HAVING HEARD SUPPORT FROM H.M.A. I THINK WE'RE VERY CONCERNED  
5 AT THE PROJECTIONS THAT WERE MADE THAT IN OUR OPINION SEEM  
6 FATALISTIC, THE IDEA THAT WE CANNOT CHANGE THE PROJECTIONS AND  
7 THE GROWTH OF THE POPULATION IN THE JAIL SYSTEM. IF WE JUST  
8 LOOK AT JULY ALONE, FIVE BLACK WOMEN DIED IN COUNTY JAILS  
9 ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN JULY INCLUDING SANDRA BLAND. AS WE  
10 SHARED THIS REPORT WITH YOU TODAY, I THINK IT'S TELLING THAT  
11 IN ALL OF THESE CONDITIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE STATE LEVEL,  
12 WE LOOK AT THE STATE LEVEL, FOUR WOMEN COMMITTED SUICIDE ON  
13 THE STATE LEVEL. AND THIS WAS IN A FACILITY THAT WAS LAST  
14 MONTH WAS TALKED ABOUT AS PROVIDING PROPER MENTAL HEALTHCARE.  
15 SO NO MATTER HOW YOU BUILD, YOU CANNOT AVOID TRUTH, WHICH IS  
16 THAT JAILS, INCARCERATION PRODUCES VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK AND  
17 BROWN FOLKS, PRODUCES VIOLENCE AGAINST BLACK WOMEN, PRODUCES  
18 VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THIS H.M.A. REPORT IS  
19 ONLY --

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AS A MOTHER, COMMUNITY HEALER AND ADVOCATE, I'M  
24 FINDING MYSELF EXTREMELY CONCERNED, BOTHERED ENRAGED BY SO  
25 MUCH OF WHAT WAS JUST SHARED IN THIS REPORT. WHAT WE NEED TO

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1 DO IS RESOURCE AND FUND OUR COMMUNITIES WITH SO MANY OTHER  
2 COMMUNITIES, NONJAIL, NONLAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVEN. WE NEED TO  
3 FUND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL WALK HAND-IN-  
4 HAND WITH FAMILIES TO MAKE SURE THEIR LOVED ONES GET THE HELP  
5 THAT THEY NEED. IN YOUR HANDS IS OUR REPORT. IT'S YOUR  
6 RESPONSIBILITY TO READ IT AND RESPOND TO IT. THERE SHOULD BE  
7 ABSOLUTELY NO MORE JAILS BUILT. WHEN WE BUILD JAILS, WE  
8 ACTUALLY ARE NOT RESPONDING TO OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS. WE'RE  
9 PRETENDING THAT WE ARE. WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE REAL  
10 PROBLEM.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. EXCUSE ME. YOU HAVE ANOTHER  
13 20 SECONDS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** IT ALLOWS US TO NOT DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS IN OUR  
16 COMMUNITY. LOCKING UP BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE CREATES MORE  
17 TRAUMA, MORE POVERTY AND MORE PROBLEMS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU SPEAK, PETER,  
20 ESTHER LIM AND BERNICE GONZALEZ. PETER?

21

22 **PETER ELIASBERG:** MR. MAYOR, ESTHER LIM HAS CEDED HER TIME TO  
23 ME.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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1

2 **PETER ELIASBERG:** SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, I KNOW YOU HAD  
3 PARTICULAR INTEREST IN WHAT THE REAL SIZE OF A SO-CALLED  
4 TREATMENT JAIL NEEDED TO BE. H.M.A. LOOKED AT THIS. BUT ONE OF  
5 THE FUNDAMENTAL THINGS THEY DID ON PAGE 34 OF THEIR REPORT WAS  
6 DO A CHART IN WHICH THEY PROJECT THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION  
7 BASED ON WHAT THEY SAY IS THE GROWTH OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
8 POPULATION BETWEEN 2010 AND 2015. THE PROBLEM IS H.M.A. WAS  
9 RELYING ON THE DATA FROM D.M.H. AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
10 IT IS WELL RECOGNIZED THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND D.M.H.  
11 DID IMPROPER SCREENINGS IN THE JAIL AND THEY ESTIMATED IT BACK  
12 IN 2010 THAT ONLY 14 PERCENT OF THE INMATES IN THE JAIL WERE  
13 MENTALLY ILL. THAT'S SIMPLY NOT RIGHT. THE SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT AND D.M.H. WERE REGULARLY FINDING PEOPLE WHO HAD  
15 SCHIZOPHRENIA AND WERE ON S.S.I. DISABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY  
16 TO BE SO-CALLED "MALINGERERS" WHEN THEY SHOWED UP IN JAIL. SO  
17 WHEN THEY HAVE YOUR 14 PERCENT FIGURE IN 2010 AND IT GOES UP  
18 TO 20 PERCENT IN 2015, IT'S NOT BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE  
19 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAIL. IT'S BECAUSE THE SCREENINGS  
20 HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN SOMEWHAT BETTER, IN PART BECAUSE OF THE  
21 WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PRESSURE D.M.H. TO DO A  
22 BETTER JOB BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T DO GOOD SCREENINGS, YOU GET  
23 MORE SUICIDES. SO NOW WHAT H.M.A. IS SAYING IS WE'RE GOING TO  
24 HAVE AN UPWARD TREND THAT DIRECTLY MATCHES THE UPWARD TREND  
25 FROM THE LAST FIVE YEARS. BUT THE LAST FIVE YEARS UPWARD TREND

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1 IS COMPLETELY ILLUSORY. IT IS THE RESULT OF BETTER SCREENING  
2 IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, NOT AN INCREASE IN MENTAL HEALTH  
3 POPULATION. SO IF YOU GET RID OF THIS DRAMATICALLY UPWARD  
4 LINE, YOU DRAMATICALLY HAVE TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE MENTAL  
5 HEALTH POPULATION THAT WE WILL BE GETTING IN THE FUTURE AND  
6 NECESSARILY NOT EVEN TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DIVERSION THAT WE  
7 HAVE TO BE DOING. YOU NEED A SMALLER FACILITY THAN THIS  
8 GROSSLY FLAWED PROJECTION GIVES YOU. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARIE  
11 LAMAS AND MICHELLE ZORILLA AND STEPHON BECKAM. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** I WORK WITH CRITICAL RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES AND NO  
14 MORE JAILS COALITION. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT.  
15 SO AS YOUR CONSTITUENT, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, YOU NEED TO LISTEN  
16 TO ME TO THE END OF MY PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS MY  
17 GRAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THIS PROBLEMATIC REPORT BY HEALTH  
18 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES AND PULITZER BOGART AND ASSOCIATES.  
19 THESE ARE VERY CONSERVATIVE FORECASTS HOWEVER I'M NOT  
20 SURPRISED SINCE IT IS CLEAR THE BOARD MADE NO SIGNIFICANT  
21 EFFORT TO CHOOSE A CONSULTING FIRM THAT ISN'T BENT ON LOCKING  
22 PEOPLE UP. I URGE THE BOARD TO NOT MAKE ANY HASTY DECISIONS BY  
23 RESUMING THE JAIL PLAN IN ANY FORM. IT IS CLEAR AGAIN THAT  
24 THERE ARE NO SERIOUS EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION.  
25 FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS A CLEAR POTENTIAL FOR REDUCTION BY



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1 USING THE ENHANCED CREDIT SYSTEM. BUT ON PAGE 17 OF THE  
2 ASSESSMENT, H.M.A. REPORTS THAT THERE'S BEEN A DECREASE IN THE  
3 USE OF THE PROGRAM WHICH FOLLOWS A TREND FROM THE PREVIOUS  
4 YEARS. THIS IS AT BEST NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE BOARD AND  
5 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND AT WORST THIS IS AN ATTACK ON THE  
6 COMMUNITY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS.  
9 STEPHON BEKHAM. RUTH SARNOFF. BETTY HUNG. MR. SACHS.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ERIC PREVEN CREEDED HIS TIME TO ME BEFORE HE  
12 LEFT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU DIDN'T QUESTION ANYBODY ELSE, SIR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL I KNOW YOU AND PREVEN ARE NOT  
19 NECESSARILY --

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU DIDN'T QUESTION ANYBODY ELSE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD TRY, ARNOLD.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ERIC PREVEN CEEDED HIS TIME TO ME.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE DIDN'T TELL US.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOBODY ELSE DID. YOU TOOK THEIR WORD. YOU GIVE  
5 ME THE TWO MINUTES?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. YOU GET ONE MINUTE.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE'S A DIRECT OPPORTUNITY HERE. YOU ARE  
10 PARTICULARLY PICKING ME OUT BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE MY OPINION  
11 AND YOU DON'T LIKE THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK HERE. YOU DIDN'T  
12 QUESTION ANYBODY ELSE'S TIME HERE AS FAR AS CEDING TIME TO  
13 SOMEBODY ELSE. I COME UP HERE AND I SAY ERIC PREVEN CEDED MY  
14 TIME AND YOU SAY NO HE DIDN'T. HOW DO YOU KNOW? DON'T YOU  
15 BELIEVE ME, SIR? ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR? I TAKE MY  
16 INFORMATION FROM YOU. TREAT IT IN THE COMMUNITY. MENTAL HEALTH  
17 A.B.109, WHAT I FIND REALLY FASCINATING, HEALTH MANAGEMENT  
18 ASSOCIATION DID A BLUEPRINT FOR A JAIL FACILITY, THE D.A. AND  
19 THE SHERIFF, THE ENFORCEMENT ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT, DID A  
20 BLUEPRINT FOR THE ACUTE CARE CENTERS. WHY IS THAT SO?  
21 [EXPLETIVE].

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

24

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1 **EUNICE HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNICE HERNANDEZ.  
2 I'M HERE WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I'M GOING TO BE VERY  
3 SHORT. I THINK THAT THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT CAME OUT OF THIS  
4 REPORT IS THE FACT THAT THEY REAFFIRMED THE FACT THAT WE NEED  
5 MONEY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE'S ALREADY ORGANIZATIONS OUT  
6 THERE THAT ARE DOING THE WORK FOR LITTLE TO NO FUNDING. SO  
7 INSTEAD OF CREATING MORE JAILS THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE EFFECTS  
8 FOR GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS TO COME, WE  
9 SHOULD REALLY INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND HELP PEOPLE THAT  
10 ARE ALREADY DOING THE WORK. BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ONCE THEY COME  
11 OUT OF JAILS THEY ARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THEY LIVE NEXT DOOR  
12 TO ME. THEY LIVE NEXT DOOR TO YOU. AND JAILS AREN'T HELPING  
13 PEOPLE. PEOPLE ARE HELPING PEOPLE YOUR COMMUNITY CONSTITUENTS  
14 ARE HELPING PEOPLE. SO LET'S FUND THEM AND LET'S SUPPORT THEM.  
15 I HAVE 16 SECONDS LEFT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. KEEP SPEAKING.

18

19 **EUNICE HERNANDEZ:** YOU'RE SO RUDE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **BETTY HUNG:** I'M BETTY HUNG WITH ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING  
24 JUSTICE LOS ANGELES. WE ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS SERIOUS CONCERNS  
25 WITH THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW JAIL. IT IS LIKE A SELF-

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1 FULFILLING PROPHECY IN TERMS OF BUILDING A NEW JAIL. THAT WILL  
2 CONTINUE TO PERPETUATE OVERINCARCERATION, WHICH WE'VE  
3 DISCUSSED EARLIER. WE'RE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED GIVEN THE  
4 CONVERSATION EARLIER REGARDING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
5 COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN. IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1980 WE HAVE  
6 BUILT 22 PRISONS AND ONLY ONE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUS.  
7 WHAT WE NEED, WHAT CALIFORNIA NEEDS FOR OUR FUTURE IS TO  
8 INVEST IN COMMUNITY, NOT IN BUILDING NEW JAILS. IF WE WANT AN  
9 INCLUSIVE, VIBRANT AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY, WE URGE LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY TO NOT BUILD THIS NEW JAIL. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MISS SARNOFF.

13

14 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE  
15 CONDITIONS IN THE JAILS RIGHT NOW THAT COULD BE CHANGED  
16 STARTING TOMORROW. ONE, THE MATS THAT PEOPLE SLEEP ON IN  
17 PRISON COULD BE 2 INCHES THICK INSTEAD OF A QUARTER OF AN INCH  
18 THICK. NUMBER 2, HAVING TO EAT FOOD THAT COMES FROM A SOURCE  
19 THAT'S OUTSOURCED AND IS COLD AND IS REPETITIVE AND THE DIET  
20 IS ALMOST THE SAME DAY AFTER DAY. AND ALSO THE NOISE LEVEL  
21 NEEDS TO BE REDUCED BECAUSE PEOPLE CANNOT SLEEP AND PEOPLE  
22 THAT CANNOT SLEEP IN JAILS BECOME ILL. AND STOP THE ISOLATION  
23 OF PEOPLE IN THE JAILS. AND YOU NEED TO CAUTION PEOPLE, DO IT  
24 WITH A SOFT VOICE.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

2

3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AGAIN, MR. MAYOR, I THINK A LOT IS ON OUR  
4    PLATE. A LOT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION. AND ANYBODY WHO MISSES  
5    THE POINT MISSES THE POINT THAT WE ARE INCREASINGLY FOCUSING  
6    ON THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION IS  
7    NOT DIALED INTO WHAT IS EVOLVING HERE. IT'S A GOOD THING, A  
8    PROPER THING. AND I WISH TO EMBRACE IT. LET ME ASSERT  
9    SOMETHING ELSE FOR THE RECORD. CURRENT STATE OF THE JAILS IN  
10   THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STRIKE A NOTE OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY  
11   AND A VIOLATION OF HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS. AND TO THE EXTENT  
12   THAT THAT IS THE CASE, THE STATUS QUO CANNOT BE AND WILL NOT  
13   BE TOLERATED. THEREFORE WHAT IS BEFORE US IS HOW TO UPHOLD  
14   PUBLIC SAFETY, MAKE SURE THOSE WHO REQUIRE INCARCERATION ARE  
15   INCARCERATED WITHOUT THE VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS. BEING  
16   IMPRISONED DOES NOT MEAN YOU ABANDONED YOUR RIGHTS. THEREFORE  
17   WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BUSINESS BEFORE  
18   US IS DONE PROPERLY, PRUDENTLY AND HUMANELY. I THINK WE'RE  
19   MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION, MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
20   LEADERSHIP TODAY.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FILED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
23   NEXT ITEM IS NO. 13, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. NUMBER 13.

24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL IF THERE ARE THOSE HERE TO STILL  
2    ADDRESS IT, OTHERWISE LET'S DISPOSE OF THE MATTER.

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 13 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY NO. 13,  
5    MICHAEL JACOBS, DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS. IN THE HALL OF  
6    ADMINISTRATION, DIANA KITAMURA. ROSLIND GOLD. STEPHEN ROHDE,  
7    SARAH PILLSBURY. AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, MS. BEARD-WILLIAMS.

8

9    **DIANE BEARD-WILLIAMS:** THIS IS DIANE BEARD- WILLIAMS. I JUST  
10    WANTED TO QUICKLY SAY THAT I THINK THAT THIS IS A FANTASTIC  
11    IDEA EXCEPT I THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE MORE  
12    PUBLICIZED. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN OUR SCHOOLS.  
13    I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE PUBLICIZED MORE WIDELY IN OUR  
14    COMMUNITIES. I THINK IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADVERTISEMENTS. I  
15    THINK THAT NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE REALLY VALUE THE VOTING RIGHTS,  
16    MARK. AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE KIND OF LOST SIGHT OF WHAT IT  
17    REALLY MEANS. JUST TO SIMPLY PUT IT ON AN AGENDA AND NOT  
18    REALLY PROCLAIM IT AS LOUDLY AS WE POSSIBLY NEED TO IS  
19    SOMETHING THAT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLANTATION REALLY NEEDS  
20    TO BE PROCLAIMED AND REALLY NEEDS TO BE PUT OUT THERE BECAUSE  
21    WE ARE AN AREA THAT IS CUT OFF FROM BASICALLY THE REST OF YOU  
22    DOWN THERE, AND OUR VOTING RIGHTS ISSUES HAVE BEEN SOMETHING  
23    THAT HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED OVER MANY DECADES. I'VE BEEN HERE  
24    FOR 25 YEARS. SO IT'S A GREAT IDEA. BUT IT NEEDS TO HAVE MORE

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1 WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY, MARK. YOU NEED TO PUT IT OUT THERE. MR.  
2 JENKINS?

3

4 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES. MICHAEL JENKINS AGAIN. I WANT TO SPEAK  
5 ABOUT VOTERS RIGHTS. FIRST OF ALL, WHAT RIGHTS DO WE HAVE OUT  
6 HERE ON THIS PLANTATION? WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE LIKE REX PARIS  
7 BUYING THE VOTES, WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE LIKE REX PARIS THAT  
8 OWNS HALF OF THIS PLANTATION WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE LIKE FOR  
9 YOU, MR. MIKE, LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU FOR A SECOND. YOU'RE THE  
10 ONE THAT HAS THE COURTHOUSE. WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT  
11 COURTHOUSE? YOU HAD THAT LADY DOWN JACKIE WHATEVER HER NAME  
12 IS. SHE WASN'T EVEN, SHE DON'T EVEN COME OUT HERE AND CHECK  
13 THESE PLACES OUT. YOU GUYS DON'T EVEN COME OUT HERE AND CHECK  
14 THESE PLACES OUT. VOTERS RIGHTS. WE VOTE YOU GUYS IN. WE'RE  
15 GOING TO START VOTING YOU GUYS OUT. THAT'S WHAT VOTERS RIGHTS  
16 IS ABOUT. WE'RE GOING TO START INVOKING OUR RIGHTS OUT HERE,  
17 MIKE. WE'RE GOING TO START EVOKING OUR RIGHTS OUT HERE. WE'LL  
18 START VOTING PEOPLE OUT OF OFFICE THAT WE PUT IN THERE. THAT  
19 YOU GUYS BUY VOTES LIKE REX PARIS AND PUT IT IN HERE. WE'RE  
20 TIRED OF IT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. IS SARAH  
23 PILLSBURY?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SHE HAD TO LEAVE.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. STEPHEN ROHDE?

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4 **SPEAKER:** ACTUALLY STEPHEN ROHDE HAD TO LEAVE BUT HE ASKED ME  
5 TO SUBMIT HIS WRITTEN COMMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PAUL WILL TAKE THAT, SERGEANT. AND WE  
8 HAVE ROSLIND GOLD HERE. DEANNA, CALL ONE MORE? MARK MASAOKA?  
9 GRACE CHO?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** SHE HAD TO LEAVE. BUT I HAVE HER WRITTEN COMMENTS, AS  
12 WELL.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BETTY HUNG.

15

16 **BETTY HUNG:** THAT'S ME.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S RIGHT. ERIC  
19 PREVEN. ERIC NEVER LEAVES. THAT'S A GOOD ONE MR. SACHS. SARAH  
20 BURTON HAD LEFT. ARNOLD SACHS. THE MAN IN THE GREEN SHIRT.  
21 EXCUSE ME. GO ON. FIRST ONE.

22

23 **ROSALIND GOLD:** HI, I'M ROSLALIND GOLD WITH THE NATIONAL  
24 ASSOCIATION OF LATINO ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND I'M  
25 HERE TO URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION 13 SUPERVISOR

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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND WE  
2 HEARD EARLIER THE VERY INSPIRATIONAL COMMENTS OF SUPERVISOR  
3 SOLIS TO COMMEMORATE THE PAST OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. BUT WE  
4 ALSO NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE. AND L.A. COUNTY CAN BE A  
5 LEADER IN THE FUTURE OF INSURING A ROBUST AND INCLUSARY  
6 DEMOCRACY AND THERE'S TWO THINGS THAT THIS RESOLUTION DOES TO  
7 MAKE THAT HAPPEN. FIRST, WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT A FEDERAL  
8 LEGISLATION TO MODERNIZE AND FIX THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT SO WE  
9 HAVE A MODERN TOOL FOR MODERN DAY DISCRIMINATION. SECONDLY, WE  
10 URGE THE COUNTY TO JOIN OR FILE AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THE  
11 EVANWELL CASE WHICH WOULD START US DOWN A PERNICIOUS ROAD OF  
12 CREATING UNFAIR REPRESENTATION FOR HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF  
13 CHILDREN AND IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO STEPHON BEKHAM?  
16 STEPHON BEKHAM? LARRY FOY? LARRY FOY? AND IS NICOLE PARSON  
17 WOULD BE CALLED SHORTLY IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **DEANNA KITAMURA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DEANNA KITAMURA WITH  
20 ASIAN AMERICANS FOR JUSTICE LOS ANGELES. I'M A VOTING RIGHTS  
21 ATTORNEY THERE. AND I'M HERE TO STATE OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR  
22 THIS MOTION AND TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS  
23 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. AS A VOTING RIGHTS ATTORNEY, VOTING  
24 RIGHTS ACT IS CENTRAL TO THE WORK THAT I DO BUT WE CAN'T JUST  
25 SIT BACK AND COMMEMORATE THE ISSUE; WE ALSO MUST PROTECT

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1 DEMOCRACY. WE BELIEVE IN THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSES,  
2 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF ONE PERSON ONE VOTE. WE ARE DEEPLY  
3 CONCERNED WITH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO HEAR THE  
4 EVANWELL CASE. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS ADDRESS  
5 THE NEEDS OF ALL RESIDENTS INCLUDING CHILDREN AND NON-  
6 CITIZENS. TO DO OTHERWISE IS ANATHEMA TO DEMOCRACY. BECAUSE OF  
7 THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND THE 14TH  
8 AMENDMENT'S EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO  
9 VOTE YES IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MISS HUNG.

12

13 **BETTY HUNG:** BETTY HUNG FROM ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE  
14 L.A. WE ALONG WITH PASTOR WILLIAM SMART FROM THE SOUTHERN  
15 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FORMED A COALITION TO  
16 COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND  
17 THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT. TWO OF OUR COALITION  
18 MEMBERS STEPHEN ROHDE FROM THE BEND THE ARC AND GRACE CHO FROM  
19 KW LEE CENTER HAD TO LEAVE BUT THEY SUBMITTED THEIR WRITTEN  
20 COMMENTS STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE MOTION MADE BY SUPERVISOR  
21 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, WE ARE AT A PIVOTAL POINT  
22 RIGHT NOW WHERE OUR DEMOCRACY IS IN PERIL. VOTING RIGHTS IS  
23 FUNDAMENTAL TO THIS IDEA OF THE AMERICAN PROMISE, REALIZING  
24 THE PROMISE OF REPRESENTATION IN OUR DEMOCRACY. YET THE VOTING  
25 RIGHTS ACT WAS SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKENED IN 2013 AND WHAT

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1 EVANWALL V. ABBOTT CASE THERE IS A POTENTIAL THAT ONLY  
2 CITIZENS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE WOULD BE COUNTED FOR REDISTRICTING  
3 PURPOSES. MEANING THAT MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS AND CHILDREN IN  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS ACROSS THE NATION WOULD NOT BE  
5 COUNTED. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND TAKE A STAND  
6 FILING AN AN AMICUS BRIEF TO UPHOLD ONE PERSON ONE VOTE AND TO  
7 RESTORE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I  
12 LIKE THEY SPECIALLY MR. THOMAS LEADING THE CHARGE HERE.  
13 PROPORTIONAL PRESENTATION BASED ON POPULATION, THE PRINCIPLE.  
14 WHEN THEY DID THE REDISTRICTING FOR THE COUNTY A COUPLE YEARS  
15 AGO, WAS IT THREE, FOUR YEARS AGO, WAS IT A 2-2 VOTE TIE TO  
16 REDISTRICIT OR NOT TO REDISTRICIT? AND RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD THE  
17 DECIDING VOTE AND HE WENT WITH THE STATUS QUO. INSTEAD OF  
18 HAVING AN OUTSIDE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SHERIFF  
19 DECIDING THE REAPPORTIONING OF THE COUNCIL DISTRICT. SO MUCH  
20 MORE PROPORTIONAL PRESENTATION BASED ON POPULATION. MADE A  
21 COMMENT ABOUT VOTING. YOU DON'T VOTE YOU CAN'T EVEN QUESTION  
22 THE BALLOT? YOU CAN'T EVEN QUESTION THE AGENDA ANYMORE. VOTING  
23 RIGHTS? YOU CAN'T EVEN TALK ON THE AGENDA BECAUSE THE COUNTY  
24 HAS DECIDED UNILATERALLY TO LIMIT YOUR TIME TO TWO MINUTES OR

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1 THREE MINUTES FOR A WHOLE MEETING WHEN THERE'S 60 ITEMS ON THE  
2 AGENDA. HOW'D THAT WORK OUT?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICOLE PARSON?

5

6 **NICOLE PARSON:** I DON'T THINK, SIR, I DON'T THINK I SIGNED UP  
7 TO SPEAK. BUT I HAD THE TITLE OF MY BOOK REPORT THAT I WAS  
8 DOING THIS WEEKEND AND I JUST ADDED IN SOMETHING EARLIER  
9 BECAUSE MISS SOLIS WAS SPEAKING ABOUT VOTING. AND SO I ADDED  
10 LIKE VOTING TO THE TOP OF MY TITLE AND IT SAYS VOTE FOR GREEN  
11 EGGS AND HAM. OH BOOTS AND HAM. AND THEN SO IF YOU HAVE LIKE  
12 YOU DON'T REALLY WANT GREEN EGGS BUT AT LEAST IF YOU HAVE  
13 SOMETHING. AND THEN BUT SO EVERYTHING IS AMOUNTS TO SOMETHING.  
14 AND SO LIKE IN THE BOND, IT HAS TO BE LIKE STATED. IF IT HAS  
15 TO BE LIKE A JUNK BOND, SO IN TRANSPORTATION AND THEN  
16 TRANSPORTATION OR LIKE PART OF THE--

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR TIME'S UP NICOLE. TIME'S UP.  
19 THANK YOU. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES AND SECONDED BY MISS KUEHL.  
20 MR. KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I SUPPORT THE PROCLAIM PART AND THE EVENWELL  
23 PART. BUT I WANT TO ABSTAIN ON THE H.R.2867.

24

# THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE A PROBLEM I SUPPORT THE VOTING  
2    RIGHTS ACT THAT WAS ENACTED BY CONGRESS. AND I HAVE NOT READ  
3    THE NEW PROPOSAL, SO I HAVE TO ABSTAIN ON THAT, SUPERVISOR.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MAYOR. IT SEEMS TO  
6    ME THAT THE ISSUE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS ONE THAT WE ALL  
7    REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATING OF  
8    IT. WE'VE ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR AND PROCLAMATION EARLIER TODAY  
9    THAT AND THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2ND THROUGH AUGUST THE 8TH TO BE  
10    RECOGNIZED AS VOTING RIGHTS ACT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
11    WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT THING, WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO ENSURE THAT  
12    EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE AS AFFORDED IT. IN LIGHT OF  
13    THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD IN TERMS OF YOUR COMMENTS, MR.  
14    MAYOR, AND THOSE OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, MAY I RESPECTFULLY  
15    REQUEST THAT WE CONTINUE THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT WEEK AT WHICH  
16    TIME WE CAN TAKE IT UP AGAIN, WHICH MEANS THAT WE'LL TAKE UP  
17    BOTH 12 AND 13, RECONSIDERATION IS IN IN ORDER IN RESPECT TO  
18    NO. 13 IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE CHOSE NOT TO  
19    CONTINUE BUT EFFECTIVELY ABSTAIN. BOTH ITEMS WOULD THEN COME  
20    BACK AND WE CAN DISPOSE OF THEM AT THE PROPER MATTER AT THAT  
21    TIME. WITH YOUR PERMISSION I WOULD SO MOVE.

22

23    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVING TO SUPPORT VOTING RIGHTS ACT  
24    WAS PASSED AND TO CONTINUE THE OTHER? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
25    ORDERED.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW ITEM NO. 42. SUPERVISOR MARK  
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS, ITEM 42?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MY RECORDS INDICATE WE CONTINUED ITEM 12 ONE WEEK,  
8 IS THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, MAY I SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE  
13 MATTER OF HAVING A SINGLE PORTAL FOR ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
14 PERMIT APPLICATIONS IS IMPORTANT. SO ON BEHALF OF BOTH THE  
15 MAYOR AND MYSELF, I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE INTERIM C.E.O. AND  
16 C.I.O. ON COMPLETING THE WORK IN RECORD TIME. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
17 COMMEND THE DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS  
18 FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE. STUDIES SHOW  
19 WE'RE ON THE RIGHT PATH AND ALSO POINTS OUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
20 IMPROVEMENT. BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS SYSTEM IS GOING TO BE  
21 THE BACKBONE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT PERMITTING FOR THE COUNTY OF  
22 LOS ANGELES. PERMITS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR REASONS NOT THE  
23 LEAST OF WHICH MEANS THAT PROJECTS CAN MOVE FORWARD. IT MEANS  
24 THAT PROJECTS CAN SAVE TIME AND MONEY. SO WE OUGHT TO MAKE  
25 THIS RIGHT ACCESSIBLE AND RELIABLE FOR THOSE SEEKING LAND USE



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1 PERMITS FROM THE COUNTY, WHETHER THEY BE SMALL OPERATIONS OR  
2 WHETHER THEY BE LARGE OPERATIONS. MOTION BEFORE YOU ENSURES  
3 THAT THE PERMIT SYSTEM WILL BE A TRUE ONE-STOP SYSTEM THAT THE  
4 BOARD HAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING. IT'S TIME THAT WE MOVE ON  
5 WITH IT. ONE-STOP PERMITTING US STREAMLINES THE OVERALL  
6 PROCESS, SAVING TIME AND MONEY, AS I SAID EARLIER, NOT JUST  
7 FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR THE PERMIT BUT FOR THE COUNTY, AS WELL,  
8 BY IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS AND THE QUALITY  
9 OF SERVICE THAT WE PROVIDE. AGAIN, SINGLE ONLINE PORTAL FOR  
10 ALL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PERMITS. THOSE APPLICATIONS I SUBMIT  
11 THIS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION, MR. MAYOR.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE SPEAKER. MR. ARNOLD SACHS.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU AGAIN. YOU HAVE TO LIKE THE AUDACITY  
16 OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HERE. "PERMITTING ONE-STOP." AND  
17 IF YOU FORGET THOSE PERMITS LIKE WHEN YOU DO RENOVATIONS  
18 AROUND YOUR HOME AND YOU DON'T GET THE PERMITS THAT ARE  
19 NECESSARY AND THEN YOU CLAIM I DON'T KNOW WHAT DID YOU CLAIM  
20 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WHEN YOU DID THOSE RENOVATIONS AROUND YOUR  
21 HOME WITHOUT THE PERMITS THAT YOU NEEDED THAT THE L.A. TIMES  
22 STORY-

23

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I CLAIM THE LONGER THE MEETING GOES THE  
2    MORE OBNOXIOUS YOU GET. THE MORE OFFENSIVE YOU GET. THE MORE  
3    INTOLERABLE YOU GET. AND I SUGGEST YOU SIMPLY SLOW YOUR ROLL.

4

5    **ARNOLD SACHS:** FINE I JUST ASKED A QUESTION. YOU KNOW YOU'RE  
6    TALKING ABOUT PERMITS.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE NOT HERE TO DEBATE. GIVE YOUR  
9    POINT. IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR POINT BE MADE, YOUR TIME WILL BE  
10   UP.

11

12   **ARNOLD SACHS:** MY POINT IS IT'S OFFENSIVE WHEN PEOPLE.

13

14   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A POINT, DO YOU?

15

16   **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DO HAVE A POINT. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT  
17   PERMITTING.

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A POINT.

20

21   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IF YOU DON'T GET THE PERMITTING YOU CAN ALWAYS  
22   MAKE SOME NOISE OR PASS GAS LIKE YOU NORMALLY DO, MR. THOMAS.

23

24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I TELL YOU WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO FOR YOU.

25   SERGEANT, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A TALK WITH MR. SACHS?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS, SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION SO ORDERED. FOR YOUR  
4 BEHAVIOR, MR. SACHS, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK  
5 BEFORE THE BOARD FOR THE NEXT 60 DAYS. JUST LISTEN TO THE  
6 REPLAY ON THE TAPE AND YOU'LL HEAR IT. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. 1-H,  
7 1-F, 23, 56, 23, NICOLE PARSON IS 1-H, 1-F, 23, 56. DEANNA  
8 BEARD-WILLIAMS IS 23 IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. RUTH SARNOFF IS 1-H.  
9 STEPHON BEKHAM, 18, 49, CS-1, CS-2. MISS WILLIAMS OR MISS  
10 PARSON? OKAY WE'LL HAVE A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED  
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS BEGINNING  
12 WITH -- MISS SARNOFF? RUTH. PLEASE COME UP. 1-H. MOTION BY  
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED TO RECONSIDER 1-H. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MISS SARNOFF.

15

16 **RUTH SARNOFF:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I PICKED UP ON A LETTER FROM  
17 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY TO THE BOARD OF  
18 COMMISSIONERS. AND I HAD SOME QUESTIONS. AMONG OTHERS, IT  
19 SEEMS LIKE THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT IS IGNORED  
20 TOO OFTEN IN WHAT COMES PAST YOUR DESK, IT GETS A WAIVER. I  
21 NOTICE IN THIS CASE THE PURPOSE OF THE ACTION IS TO ADD SAFETY  
22 AND SECURITY TO 9 UNITS, ACTUALLY 250 UNITS AT 9 LOCATIONS,  
23 THE PURPOSE OF IT INVOLVES PUTTING UP FENCING AND SURVEILLANCE  
24 CAMERAS AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT COULD BE  
25 INTERPRETED IN MANY WAYS. FENCES CAN FENCE PEOPLE IN OR THEY

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1 CAN MAKE THEM FEEL LOCKED UP. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GET  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND ON 33 MISS MISS  
5 WILLIAMS?

6

7 **DIANNA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** IT HAS TO DEAL WITH THE SOLE SOURCE OF  
8 GETTING BIDS?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WAS THE ONE THAT YOU HAD -- YES,  
11 THE ANSWER IS YES. WE'LL START OVER AGAIN, YES.

12

13 **DIANNA BEARD-WEILLIAMS:** OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO SUPPORT THAT IF  
14 I INTERPRETED IT CORRECTLY THAT WE NEEDED MORE THAN A SOLE-  
15 SOURCE BID.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

18

19 **DIANNA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** AND THAT'S BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE WHEN  
20 WORKING WITH THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, I MET THOMAS AND  
21 GAVE ALSO MYERS, WE WOULD GET A SOLE SOURCE BID UNDER  
22 SOMETHING CALLED AN EVERGREEN CONTRACT, WHICH IS REALLY NOT  
23 LEGAL. AND BASICALLY WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS BID THE LOWEST. AND  
24 THEN WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS TAKE THE SOLE-SOURCE BID AND PUT IN  
25 CHANGE ORDERS WHICH WOULD BRING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY UP TO WHAT

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1 THEY REALLY WANTED IT TO BE. AND I THINK THAT IT IS MORE  
2 HONEST FOR THE TAXPAYER TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE BID COME IN AS  
3 OPPOSED TO A SOLE SOURCE BID. AND THAT'S BASED ON MY EXTENSIVE  
4 EXPERIENCE WATCHING WHAT I CONSIDERED TO BE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY  
5 GOING ON AND CORRUPTION IN TERMS OF HOW BIDS WERE HANDED OUT  
6 BY THE PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO  
7 SHARE WITH THE BOARD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. OKAY,  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICE WILL READ THOSE ITEMS?

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. I  
13 ALSO NEED A VOTE ON ITEMS 1-D, 7, 17, 19, 24, 40, 43, 50, 58-B  
14 AND 58-C.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND  
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SHEILA, ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?  
18 NO? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, I DO. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE  
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LAWRENCE LARRY WOYJECK, PASSED AWAY ON  
22 AUGUST 2ND AT THE AGE OF 74. HE WAS A RETIRED COMMERCIAL  
23 ROOFER, LONGTIME LONG BEACH RESIDENT, LOVED SPENDING TIME WITH  
24 HIS GRANDCHILDREN AND ENJOYED CLASSIC CARS. HE WAS VERY PROUD  
25 OF HIS GRANDCHILDREN, ESPECIALLY KEVIN WHO WAS ONE OF THE 19

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1 GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOT SHOTS FIRE CREW WHO LOST THEIR LIFE IN  
2 ARIZONA IN 2013. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DELORES, SONS JOE, JAMES  
3 AND JERRY, DAUGHTER KATHY, SISTERS NORMA AND LORRAINE, MANY  
4 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.  
5 PARTICULARLY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
6 MEMORY OF BENJAMIN STEWART FRANCIS WHO UNEXPECTEDLY PEACEFULLY  
7 PASSED AWAY JULY 22ND. WAS AN L.A. COUNTY LIFEGUARD. HE WAS A  
8 YOUNG 60 YEARS OLD. HE WAS THE SECOND OF THREE CHILDREN TO  
9 PARENTS HUGH AND RAY FRANCIS AND WAS A BELOVED BROTHER TO HIS  
10 SISTERS MARTHA AND KATIE. HE GRADUATED AND POSSESSED A LONG  
11 LOVE FOR SWIMMING AND LIFEGUARDING BEEN THE PASSION FOR THE  
12 CITY WITH HIS WIFE 23 YEARS WITH HIS WIFE THERESA AND TWO  
13 CHILDREN JULIE AND ROBIN. BEEN A TRUSTED LIFEGUARD FOR THE  
14 PAST 30 YEARS. IT WAS VERY SUDDEN. HIS MOST RECENT ACHIEVEMENT  
15 WAS BECOMING A CABRILLO BEACH POLAR KING WHICH HE ACQUIRED BY  
16 SWIMMING EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR 2012. VERY ACTIVE IN THE  
17 COMMUNITY, GREAT GUY, GREAT LIFEGUARD WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY  
18 ALL WHO KNEW HIM. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
21 I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATTI ROSE  
22 FOLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93 FROM THE SANTA CLARITA  
23 VALLEY. SHE WAS RAISED WITH HER FAMILY ON THE FOLEY RANCH. SHE  
24 IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS. ALSO MEMORY OF SISTER MARYLOUIS  
25 MARKEL. SHE WAS THE SISTER OF THE ST. JOSEPH'S OF CARONDELET

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1 ORDER. SHE BECAME A SISTER IN 1947. THAT WAS THE ORDER MY AUNT  
2 WAS A MEMBER OF. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTERS, JOYCE BROWN  
3 AND LOUISE COWANS. WE HAVE ANN DURGERIAN, PASSED AWAY JULY  
4 29TH AT THE AGE OF 79. SHE WAS A PASSIONATE PHILANTHROPIST  
5 DEDICATED TO SAFETY AND COMMUNITY. SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN  
6 PASSING THE STATE'S CALIFORNIA SEATBELT LAW INVOLVED WITH THE  
7 SOROPTIMIST AND ARCADIA WOMEN'S CLUB. COUNCIL OF SIERRA MADRE  
8 AND THE SALVATION ARMY HAD HONORED HER WITH THE OTHERS AWARD.  
9 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JERRY, SONS GEORGE, ANDREW, SONS  
10 MICHAEL AND GEORGE AND BROTHER ANDREW. TRACEY NGUYEN WHO DIED  
11 TRAGICALLY AT THE HARD SUMMER CONCERT AT THE POMONA COMPLEX.  
12 SHE WAS A PREBUSINESS ECONOMICS MAJOR AT U.C.L.A. KATIE  
13 REBECCA DIX, 19, OF CAMARILLO ALSO DIED AT THE HARD SUMMER  
14 MUSIC FESTIVAL. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF CORONADA HIGH SCHOOL AND  
15 WAS STUDYING PSYCHOLOGY AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL  
16 ISLAND. AND YERVAND MARKARIAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95-  
17 1/2. HE WAS BORN IN CHINA. IN THE 1930S HE SERVED WITH THE  
18 FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION IN THE VIETNAM WAR. AFTER THE WAR, HE  
19 WAS A FRENCH POLICE OFFICER IN SHANGHAI, CHINA. THEN HE  
20 MARRIED MIRIAM WHO PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH. THEY HAD A  
21 RESTAURANT IN SHANGHAI UNTIL THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER. AFTER  
22 LEAVING CHINA, LIVING IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, THEY  
23 CAME TO AMERICA STARTING WITH A FAST FOOD TRUCK AND THEN  
24 OPENING RESTAURANT IN THE '60S IN THE HOLLYWOOD AREA. HE WAS A  
25 GOOD SUPPORTER, GOOD FRIEND, GOOD LEADER IN THE ARMENIAN



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1 COMMUNITY. ALSO HELEN GAILEY KEETON STOUT, LONGTIME RESIDENT  
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. WORKED AS  
3 AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AND THEN WAS A VOLUNTEER WITH THE  
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL AND WAS QUITE ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE  
5 LANCASTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ALONG WITH MANY OTHER GROUPS. SO  
6 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
7 SO ORDERED. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO READ IN THE D.A. REPORT ABOUT  
8 VICTIMS SERVICES AND RESTITUTION COLLECTION WE HAD DISCUSSED.  
9 AND THE SEX OFFENDERS REWARDS OFFERS. THE CALIFORNIA  
10 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION OFFICIALS ARE  
11 SEEKING THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN FINDING 10 SEX OFFENDERS WHO HAVE  
12 EITHER FAILED TO REPORT TO THEIR PAROLE OFFICER, CUT OFF THEIR  
13 G.P.S. AND BEINGLE BRACELET OR HAVE LET THEIR TRACKING DEVICES  
14 BATTERY DIED. THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED WHERE  
15 THE OFFENDERS ARE LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE AND THEY ARE CONCERNED.  
16 PUBLIC ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING SEX OFFENDERS  
17 INCLUDING THEIR NAME, AGE, LOCATION, CONVICTIONS AND OTHER  
18 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. SEX OFFENDERS UNDERACTIVE PROBATION  
19 OR PAROLE SUPERVISION HAVE TO ABIDE BY CERTAIN TERMS AND  
20 CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION WHICH CAN BE REVOKED IF THEY FAIL TO  
21 FOLLOW THOSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, INCLUDING TAMPERING WITH  
22 THEIR G.P.S. ANKLE BRACELET. THE COUNTY UNDER COUNTY CODE  
23 SECTION OFFERS REWARDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO APPREHENSION  
24 OR CONVICTION OF PERSONS GUILTY OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACTS TO  
25 ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SOLVING CRIMES. THE COUNTY SHOULD

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1 EXPLORE EXPANDING THAT CODE SECTION TO INCLUDE INFORMATION  
2 THAT WOULD LEAD TO LOCATING AND APPREHENDING SEX OFFENDERS. SO  
3 I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO AMEND THE  
4 EXISTING ORDINANCE FOR REWARDS AND PLACE IT ON THE BOARD'S  
5 AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IN ONE WEEK. THE AMMENDMENT IS TO  
6 ALLOW REWARD OFFERS TO BE MADE IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION  
7 LEADING TO OR LOCATING OR APPREHENDING SEX OFFENDERS WHO  
8 ABSCOND. RIGHT NOW IT'S ONLY IF THE PEOPLE KILL SOMEBODY OR A  
9 CRIME. SO WE WANT TO INCLUDE SEX OFFENDERS, TOO. SECONDED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE WITHOUT OBJECTION.

11

12 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MR. MAYOR JUST A PROCEDURAL ISSUE.

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM:** IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THIS  
15 MATTER WAS NOT OFFICIALLY POSTED ON THE AGENDA, SO WE'RE  
16 REQUESTING THAT IT BE POSTED NEXT WEEK ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
17 ACTION ITEMS AND THAT WE GIVEN TWO WEEKS TO REPORT BACK ON  
18 THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR WITHOUT OBJECTION, THEN. SO ORDERED.**

21

22 **>>MARY WICKHAM:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MAY I ADJOURN,  
2    MR. MAYOR, MAY I ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LYNN MANNING. MR.  
3    MANNING PASSED YESTERDAY MORNING AT THE AGE OF 60 AFTER A  
4    BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS PURSUING HIS DREAM AS A FREELANCE  
5    ARTIST UNTIL THE AGE OF 23 WHEN HE EXPERIENCED BLINDNESS AS A  
6    RESULT OF AN ACT OF VIOLENCE. HE TURNED TO THE LITERARY ARTS  
7    AND DEVELOPED AND DIRECTED PLAY WRITING AND PERFORMANCES FOR  
8    PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IN 1996, HE CO-FOUNDED THE WATTS  
9    THEATER COMPANY WITH THE LATE ACTOR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST  
10    QUENTIN DREW. THE DREAM WAS TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT AND  
11    PROFESSIONAL THEATER ARTS INSTITUTION IN WATTS AND PRODUCE  
12    PLAYS OF RELEVANCE THE COMMUNITY OF WATTS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES  
13    AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE LITERACY TO YOUTH THROUGH THEATER ARTS  
14    EDUCATION. MANNING WAS PRESIDENT OF THE FIREHOUSE THEATER  
15    COMPANY FOR SOME 15 YEARS, WHICH WAS DEDICATED TO THE  
16    INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL ASPECTS OF  
17    THEATER ARTS. HE ALSO SPENT THREE YEARS AS A CALIFORNIA ARTS  
18    COUNCIL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PERFORMS THE VOICES PROJECT. IN  
19    ADDITION TO HIS WRITING, HE WAS A CONSULTANT AND TECHNICAL  
20    ADVISER ON HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTIONS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN  
21    AWARD-WINNING POET, PLAYWRIGHT ACTOR AND FORMER WORLD CHAMPION  
22    OF BLIND JUDO. SOME OF HIS PLAYS AND POETRY CAN BE FOUND IN A  
23    VARIETY OF LITERARY MAGAZINES AND ANTHOLOGIES INCLUDING HIS  
24    WORK "VOICES FROM LEIMERT PARK" AND "BEYOND VICTIMS AND  
25    VILLIANS." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MANY FRIENDS, FAMILY

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1 COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY KNOWN AS WATTS ALL OF  
2 WHOM WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL WISHES TO JOIN IN  
3 THAT ADJOURNMENT WITH ME. MAY I ASK THEN THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
4 MEMORY OF JESUS CERVANTES VALENCIA BORN ON SEPTEMBER THE 13TH  
5 IN 1954 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 60. HE WAS A  
6 VETERINARIAN IN MEXICO. IN 1985 HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES  
7 WHERE HE WORKED AS AN ORGANIZER FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. HE WAS  
8 RECENTLY ELECTED AS PRESIDENT. OF JIQUILPAN-USA. HE WAS A  
9 MEMBER OF THE LENNOX COMMUNITY AND SERVED ON THE ST. JOSEPH  
10 CHURCH COUNCIL, THE LENNOX COORDINATING COUNCIL AND HE  
11 VOLUNTEERED ANNUALLY AT THE LENNOX FAMILY FESTIVAL. HE WILL BE  
12 REMEMBERED FOR HIS COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, PASSION FOR HIS  
13 HOMETOWN OF MEXICO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARIA, CHILDREN  
14 LORENA, NAVIDID JESUS, JULIO, FRANCISCO AND MANY FRIENDS AND  
15 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND ON  
16 BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, MAY I  
17 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TRACEY NGUYEN, WHO TRAGICALLY DIED  
18 THIS WEEKEND AT THE MUSIC FESTIVAL IN POMONA. THIS 18 YEAR OLD  
19 WEST COVINA RESIDENT WAS ENTERING HER SECOND YEAR AT U.C.L.A.  
20 THE WAKE OF HER UNEXPECTED DEATH, TRACEY LEAVES BEHIND A  
21 GRIEVING FAMILY. THOSE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER DESCRIBED HER AS  
22 A 'GENUINE AND FREE-SPIRITED GIRL." QUOTE/UNQUOTE. SHE WAS A  
23 BUSINESS MAJOR AT U.C.L.A. ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL'S  
24 DANCING TEAM. ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE EXTEND OUR  
25 SERIOUS CONDOLENCES TO TRACEY'S FAMILY AS THEY STRUGGLE TO

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1 COME TO TERMS WITH HER UNFORTUNATE, UNTIMELY PASSING. I  
2 SUSPECT ALL MEMBERS WILL ELECT TO JOIN IN THAT. FINALLY, ON  
3 BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SHE ASKED THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
4 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND OBSERVANCE OF THE 54TH BIRTHDAY OF  
5 PRESIDENT OBAMA. THE 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
6 REMAINS FOCUSED ON DELIVERING SOLUTIONS ON SEVERAL NATIONAL  
7 AND GLOBAL ISSUES, HIS BIRTHDAY IS THE PERFECT TIME TO  
8 RECOGNIZE HIM FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THIS NATION. "AS HE WINDS  
9 DOWN THE LAST YEAR OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, THERE ARE NO SIGNS  
10 THE PRESIDENT IS SLOWING DOWN," SHE WRITES. "FROM CLEAN ENERGY  
11 TO DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, PRESIDENT OBAMA  
12 CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON WHAT'S BEST FOR THE NATION. WHILE NOT  
13 EVERYONE MAY AGREE WITH HIS POLICY DECISIONS, THERE IS NO  
14 DENYING THAT HE'S WORKING DILIGENTLY TO HELP CREATE A BETTER  
15 COUNTRY FOR EVERYONE." SO ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WISH PRESIDENT OBAMA A HAPPY 54TH  
17 BIRTHDAY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WE ARE ADJOURNING IN HIS MEMORY. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
20 HIS BIRTHDAY AT THE REQUEST. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MIGHT ASK WHILE  
23 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HAPPY CELEBRATIONS, PERHAPS YOU'D ALL JOIN  
24 ME IN WISHING SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS INFINITELY

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1 BETTER HALF, MAIVIS, A VERY HAPPY 36TH ANNIVERSARY.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PUBLIC COMMENT. RUTH SARNOFF FOR YOUR  
5 PATIENCE. VERONICA SANDIAS, MELLO DESIRE. VICTOR OTUYA, JUDITH  
6 STEVENS. ERIC PREVEN. I SAID JUDITH STEVENS. STENSON TOLAN.  
7 MISS ALLISON. NYSHAN BEKHAM. KARL BANKS. MICHAEL JENKINS. MARY  
8 SUTTON. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. AND DIANA BEARD-WILLIAMS IN ANTELOPE  
9 VALLEY.

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11 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR  
12 ATTENTION AN EDITORIAL IN THE L.A. TIMES FROM JUNE 5TH, THE  
13 V.A. LIEUTENANT BECAUSE I ACTUALLY LIVED THROUGH THAT AND  
14 REMEMBER THAT WHOLE STRUGGLE AT THE TIME. THIS PROPERTY WHERE  
15 THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION IS IN WEST L.A., THAT PROPERTY  
16 WAS LEFT, GIVEN IN PERPETUITY FOR USE BY VETERANS FOR THEIR  
17 HOUSING AND OTHER NEEDS. IT WAS MISAPPROPRIATED AND TAKEN FROM  
18 THEM. IT NEEDS TO BE READDRESSSED. AND I THINK THIS MIGHT BE A  
19 PLACE WHERE YOU MIGHT DEVELOP PART OF THE MENTAL OUTREACH  
20 PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND TRAUMA.  
21 IT MAKES SENSE AND IT'S PROPERTY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S UP. NEXT PLEASE.

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25 **MARY SUTTON:** MY NAME IS MARY. MY BIRTHDAY WAS YESTERDAY.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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4 **MARY SUTTON:** SO SPEAKING OF OBAMA, HE RECENTLY MADE A  
5 STATEMENT ABOUT INCARCERATION AND DISCUSSING THE CRIPPLING  
6 COSTS TO THEM, THEIR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND TAXPAYERS. I  
7 WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REPORT I SUBMITTED TO YOU  
8 AGAIN TO TALK ABOUT LEASE REVENUE BONDS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S  
9 RELATIONSHIP TO THAT AND GROWING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE  
10 GEOGROUP, THE PRIVATE PRISON INDUSTRY. THE WOMEN'S JAIL  
11 PARTICULARLY WOULD BE FUNDED WITH THE LEASE REVENUE BONDS  
12 VOTED ON THROUGH A.B.900 IN 2007. THIS IS CONSIDERED BACK DOOR  
13 FINANCING. THE TAXPAYERS SINCE 1982 HAVE VOTED AGAINST MONEY  
14 FOR PRISONS AND JAILS. AND THEY FIGURED OUT A WAY HOW TO DO A  
15 LEASE, CREATE AN AGENCY, ISSUE THE BONDS, THE STATE OR THE  
16 COUNTY RENTS THE SPACE AND THEN THE TAXPAYERS PAY THE DEBT  
17 WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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21 **MARY SUTTON AND RECENTLY SHERIFF MCDONNELL THEY ALREADY HAVE A**  
22 **COPY HAS MET WITH THE GEOGROUP CONCERNING RE-ALIGNMENT.**

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24 **>>SUP. KNABE:** NEXT?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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3    **MARY SUTTON:** AND THAT CANNOT GO ON. THANK YOU.

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5    **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THIS IS MY SECOND MINUTE FROM ONE OF THOSE  
6    OTHER TIMES WHERE I HAD JUST ONE. THREE ITEMS, ONE IS  
7    REGARDING THE WOMEN'S JAIL YOU KNOW THERE IS NOTHING THAT  
8    NECESSARILY TIES EVERYTHING TOGETHER. EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS  
9    SHOULD BE RE-EXAMINED AND MAJOR CHANGES ON ITS OWN. THE VANIR  
10   COMPANY MADE VOLUME 7 A SEPARABLE ITEM FOR THE WOMEN'S JAIL  
11   BECAUSE THEY KNEW IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIMELINE. SO PLEASE DON'T  
12   BE SWAYED BY ANY CLAIMS THAT THIS ALL HAS TO BE DONE TOGETHER.  
13   ANOTHER POINT IS: HERE'S TWO TROUBLING THINGS. THE FINANCING  
14   SEEMS TO PRIVILEGE JAIL ABOVE THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND  
15   THE CONCERN FOR THE TAXPAYERS THAT I HEAR AND I SUPPORT  
16   WHenever I HEARD BOARD MEMBERS, A COUPLE OF YOU PARTICULARLY  
17   MENTION IT. THE OTHER THING IS: TWO WEEKS AGO YOU PASSED A  
18   RESOLUTION FOR MCARTHUR SUGGESTIONS, PROPOSALS TO HAVE TO BE  
19   EXAMINED IN TERMS OF MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES. I'M FOR IT. BUT  
20   REAL INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY AND MORAL LEGITIMACY FOR THE  
21   COUNTY REQUIRES THAT THAT TEST BE MADE FOR THE BIGGEST PROGRAM  
22   OF ALL, THE MOST EXPENSIVE PROGRAM OF ALL IN THE CRIMINAL  
23   JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE LEAST EXAMINED ONE IN TERMS OF  
24   MEASURABLE POST TREATMENT OUTCOMES AND YOU KNOW I'M TALKING  
25   ABOUT INCARCERATION.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TO ANTELOPE VALLEY. YES,  
3 SIR. MR. BANKS?

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5 **KARL BANKS:** YES, SIR. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS KARL BANKS. I  
6 AM A VIETNAM VETERAN, 70 YEARS OF AGE, COUNCILMEMBER FRED  
7 THOMPSON AND THE PALMDALE COUNCILMEMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO  
8 REQUEST IN WRITING A COMPLAINT AGAINST ME THAT JOAN  
9 [INAUDIBLE] CARETAKER MYRNA LIED TO THE SUPERVISORS, WHOSE  
10 NAME IS LEGACY COMMONS FOR ACTIVE SENIORS. JENNIFER INFORMED  
11 ME ON JULY 24, 2015 THAT THIS COMPLAINT WAS PRESENTED TO HER.  
12 I WAS THREATENED THREE TIMES AT LEGACY COMMONS BY THIS  
13 CARETAKER AND FOR MY SAFETY I CHOOSE NOT TO GO BACK TO LEGACY  
14 COUNCIL FOR ACTIVE SENIORS. ANOTHER I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WHY  
15 DID A SENIOR THREATEN ME THAT I WAS GETTING JOANNE MARINO IN  
16 TROUBLE JUST BY TALKING TO HER? MYRNA THAT TOLD ME THAT I WAS  
17 UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SO MY  
18 REQUEST TO THE SUPERVISORS IS WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO  
19 GET A COPY OF THAT REQUEST? THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME HAVE SOMEBODY THERE GET THAT  
22 INFORMATION, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WE WILL CHECK THAT OUT. THANK  
23 YOU, MR. BANKS.

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25 **KARL BANKS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS WILLIAMS OR MR.  
3 JENKINS? OR HAVE THEY LEFT?

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5 **DIANNA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** I WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU, MIKE.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD.

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9 **DIANNA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** CAN WE START OVER?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL START.

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13 **DIANNA BEARD-WILLIAMS:** OKAY. BASICALLY WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS  
14 AT ONE OF THE LAST MEETINGS I WAS AT, MIKE, YOU SAID A COMMENT  
15 ABOUT ME, CONSIDER THE SOURCE, BECAUSE I HAD MENTIONED TO  
16 INDIVIDUALS THAT I FELT THAT THEY SHOULD NOT MOVE HERE TO THE  
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY. I WANTED TO BRIEFLY SAY TO EVERYONE OUT THERE  
18 WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE I'VE BEEN HERE FOR 25 YEARS. I'VE  
19 LIVED THROUGH 12 YEARS OF WORKING FOR LEDFORD. I RAN THE  
20 CAMPAIGN FOR REX PARIS. I'VE BEEN IN THE BACK ROOMS WHERE  
21 MONEY'S BEEN CARRIED IN SUITCASES. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF  
22 CORRUPTION IN TERMS OF MONEY BEING MADE OFF OF REDEVELOPMENT  
23 FUNDS. I'VE SEEN IT ALL. AND I LOVE MY COUNTRY. AND I LOVE MY  
24 COMMUNITY. AND IF I SPEAK OUT, IT'S NOT OUT OF ILL WILL OR  
25 IT'S NOT OUT OF HATRED OR DISLIKE. IT'S BECAUSE I NEED TO PUT

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1 FORTH TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THINGS THAT THEY CAN DO IN THEIR  
2 COMMUNITY TO SALVAGE THEIR LIVES AND HAVE A BETTER QUALITY OF  
3 LIFE THAT I HAVE NOT SEEN HERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SO I  
4 BLESS EVERYONE. BUT THAT IS WHERE I COME FROM. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS NICOLE THERE? OR MR.  
7 JENKINS THERE?

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9 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES, MICHAEL JENKINS AGAIN. TM REASON WHY I  
10 WANT TO TALK, I ONLY GOT A COUPLE SECONDS HERE, BUT, MIKE, YOU  
11 PROMISED ME THREE MONTHS AGO THAT YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING OUT  
12 TO HELP ME RECLAIM MY DAUGHTER. YOU TOLD ME THREE MONTHS AGO  
13 THAT ONE OF YOUR STAFF WOULD CONTACT ME. NOBODY HAS CONTACTED  
14 ME, MIKE. I'M STILL WAITING ON THAT CALL. YOU SAID YOU WOULD  
15 HAVE SOMEBODY CHECK OUT THE COURTHOUSE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT,  
16 MIKE. NOBODY HAS CHECKED OUT THAT COURTHOUSE. NOBODY HAS  
17 CHECKED OUT THE DEPARTMENT A7 WHERE THEY WERE LAUGHING AND  
18 DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY DAUGHTER, ME  
19 BEING THE CONSERVATOR. MIKE, PLEASE, I'M ASKING YOU TO DO  
20 SOMETHING. ASK YOUR STAFF TO CONTACT ME SO THAT MY DAUGHTER  
21 CAN GET THE HELP. SHE'S SPECIAL NEEDS. SHE'S EIGHT MONTHS  
22 PREGNANT, MIKE. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT  
23 ALL THESE SERVICES. WE DON'T NEED JAILS. WE NEED SOLUTIONS. WE  
24 NEED SOLUTIONS TO THESE THINGS, MIKE. YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP.  
25 PLEASE HELP.

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2 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR MR. BANKS, SHE'S IN A COURT OF LAW.

3 THIS COURT HAS THEIR OWN JURISDICTION. A JUDGE, A PUBLIC

4 DEFENDER AND A DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DO

5 NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO DIRECT THE JUDGE. WHAT I SAID WAS WE

6 WOULD ASK THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, YOU MADE CHARGES THAT THE

7 PUBLIC PUBLIC DEFENDER WAS NOT REPRESENTING YOUR DAUGHTER

8 ADEQUATELY. A REQUEST WAS TO SEE THE STATUS OF THE PUBLIC

9 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S ACTIONS ON THIS CASE. BUT THAT IS ALL WE CAN

10 DO BECAUSE IT IS A SEPARATE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, THE COURT.

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12 >>MICHAEL JENKINS: I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT MY DAUGHTER IS

13 SPECIAL NEEDS. I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE SITUATION THAT'S GOING ON,

14 MIKE, WITH HER AND THE GROUP HOME. SHE GOT ASSAULTED IN THE

15 GROUP HOME. THAT'S WHY --

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17 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SHE'S 35 YEARS OLD?

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19 MICHAEL JENKINS: SHE'S 37.

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21 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: AND THE GROUP HOME --

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23 MICHAEL JENKINS: THE MENTAL CAPACITY OF A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD,

24 MIKE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. AND WE WILL HAVE THAT REQUEST  
2    AGAIN MADE AS TO THE -- IS SHE IN THE GROUP HOME NOW? OR IS  
3    SHE IN JAIL?

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5    **MICHAEL JENKINS:** SHE'S NOT IN JAIL RIGHT NOW. SHE'S FACING  
6    CHARGES FOR SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THROWING AN APPLE.

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8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS SHE IN THE GROUP HOME NOW WHERE  
9    SHE'S STAYING?

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11   **MICHAEL JENKINS:** SHE'S IN A MOTEL ROOM RIGHT NOW, MIKE. THAT'S  
12   WHERE SHE'S AT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF THE GROUP HOME SITUATION.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET US CHECK INTO THE STATUS OF THE  
15   GROUP HOME, WHY SHE HAS TO NOT BEING RESIDING THERE BUT IN A  
16   MOTEL FOR HER SAFETY IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

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18   **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YEAH, WHAT IT IS IS THAT THE REGIONAL CENTER,  
19   MIKE, THE REGIONAL CENTER IS HELPING HER OUT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S  
20   WHERE SHE'S AT, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE REGIONAL CENTER.  
21   I'M ASKING FOR ONE OF YOUR STAFF TO GIVE ME A CALL SO I CAN  
22   EXPLAIN THIS TO THEM. THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING. I'M ASKING FOR  
23   HELP.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THAT, MR. BANKS.

2    THANK YOU. THANK YOU. YOU SAID YOU WOULD HELP ME, MIKE.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL LOOK INTO THAT FOR

5    YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER? ANY LAST MINUTE COMMENTS?

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7    **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** I DON'T HAVE ANY, MR. MAYOR.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON'T HAVE THE AGENDA. MOTION TO

10    ADJOURN?

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12    **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASSISTANT EXUCTIVE OFFICER:** DURING

13    TODAY'S CLOSED SESSION THE BOARD TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION ON

14    CS-1 AND CS-5, NO REPORTABLE ACTION. ON ITEM CS-2, CS-3, CS-4

15    AND CS-6 THESE WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 11, 2015.

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